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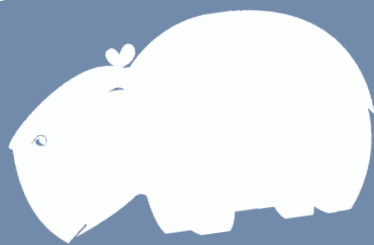
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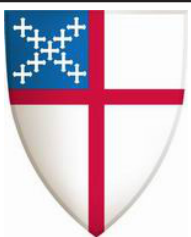
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Thank you to all the people who voted in this year's Hippo's Best of 2015 readers poll, and congratulations to all the winners. It's a sure sign spring is here.

This is the 14th year we've held this readers poll, and again it was the best Best of we've had, with thousands voting and thousands and thousands of answers and winners.

What impresses me is that readers take the time to tell us their favorites, and it's amazing just how diverse those favorites are.

In Best Breakfast, for example, we had hundreds of different restaurants (and some private homes as well) that were chosen. In the end, that resulted in four best of choices (overall, Manchester, Nashua and Concord), but I really see that there were hundreds of winners. Winning is nice, but just being mentioned as someone's best is really very special. The fact that voters chose hundreds of local restaurants, in just that one category, tells me that people have real passion for their favorite spots, and those people serving them do too. This is good news for our quality of life here in New Hampshire.

There isn't the space to list everyone's votes (and that might kill our editorial staff, which oversees the hundreds of hours of hand-vote counting — to count, we estimate, more than 500,000 votes). However, in our magazine, coming out in about four weeks, we take some categories and go deep, revealing, for example, the Top 15 Best Burgers and the Top 10 Best Places to Walk Your Dog. We also take the best restaurant list and go 50 deep (listing to top 50 vote-getters) in an issue that will hit stands at the end of April. Given that people chose more than 500 restaurants as their favorites, it's quite an honor to be in the Top 50.

I noticed in this year's overall winners more Concord places than in years past. It's interesting to see the voting shift over time. There are lots of new winners this year as well.

What I like most about the Best of list is that it's all of our favorite things about living here in New Hampshire. We can always pinpoint the things that bug us (like all the snow or those Massachusetts drivers), but what a different point of view you get when it's what we love about our community. And that, at its core, is what our readers poll is all about — what we love.

So thank you, Hippo readers, for sharing with us what you love, and congratulations winners (and everyone who got a vote) on being loved. 🌈



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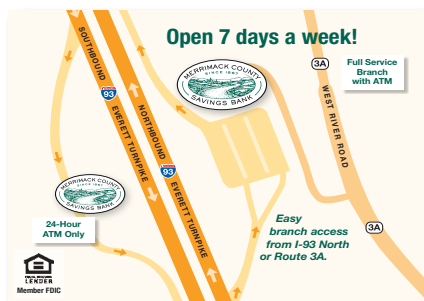
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Primary update

The 2016 race is officially underway as its first declared candidate, Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz, announced he will be running via Twitter. Cruz visited New Hampshire on March 16 and told a crowd in Barrington that he was the true conservative option, NHPR reported. New Hampshire was also visited by likely presidential candidates such as celebrity tycoon Donald Trump on March 19 and Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul on March 20. Trump held an event at the home of a state representative, where he spoke critically of Common Core educational state standards and stressed the need to rein in entitlement spending and secure the border. Trump has a steep climb in New Hampshire. A recent UNH poll places him as far and away the least favorable potential candidate among Republican voters. Paul's visit to the state occurred the day after the hiring of two key state campaign staffers was announced, NHPR reported. He told a crowd at Manchester Internet company Dyn that he would drastically reduce taxes and eliminate whole government departments.

Transportation budget

In a controversial move, budget writers have taken the Department of Transportation budget out of the overall budget and made it a separate bill. The House Finance Committee passed a bill through to the House, which includes \$88 million in cuts, according to NHPR. DOT officials argue such cuts would mean laying off 600 employees, closing 200 bridges and severely reducing plowing and maintenance operations. Acknowledging the shortfall, committee Chairman Neal Kurk, a Republican from Weare, has floated an increase to the state's gas tax by about 8 cents to make up some of the difference. Governor Mag-

gie Hassan had proposed increasing revenue for the department through higher vehicle registration fees, but the committee voted against that.

Common Core exemptions

Just one week after the Manchester School District sent letters to parents advising them of their right to pull their kids from the Smarter Balanced exam, the Union Leader reported parents and guardians submitted 196 exemption requests. The exam, which gauges how well students are meeting new Common Core standards, has been a source of controversy in the city, which has entered its first week of testing. Some parents complained that the principal of Memorial High School had made the exemption process too difficult, but a memo sent by Superintendent Deborah Livingston clarified the process. Earlier this month, the school board approved an individual student exemption.

Raptorgate?

New Hampshire's House became the subject of some ignominy in national news outlets due to comments made by a couple state representatives moments before the House defeated a bill written by a class of fourth-graders from the Lincoln Akerman School in Hampton Falls. The bill would have made the Red Tailed Hawk the official state raptor. Such bills are common, as part of teaching kids about civics and the legislative process, but, NHPR reported, this one took an unexpected turn when Republican Rep. Warren Groen of Rochester compared the violent acts of the bird of prey to that of abortion and said the bird would be better suited as a mascot for Planned Parenthood. The fourth-graders were present for the comments. House Speaker Shawn Jasper told the Hippo he was distracted when this speech occurred. Jasper called on Rep. Groen to apologize for his comments.

Women's prison

The new state prison for women is over budget and expected to be finished a year late, according to NHPR. The \$38 million project paid for in the last state budget is running \$12 million over budget. That means delays in construction as lawmakers seek additional funds. It was originally slated to open in the fall

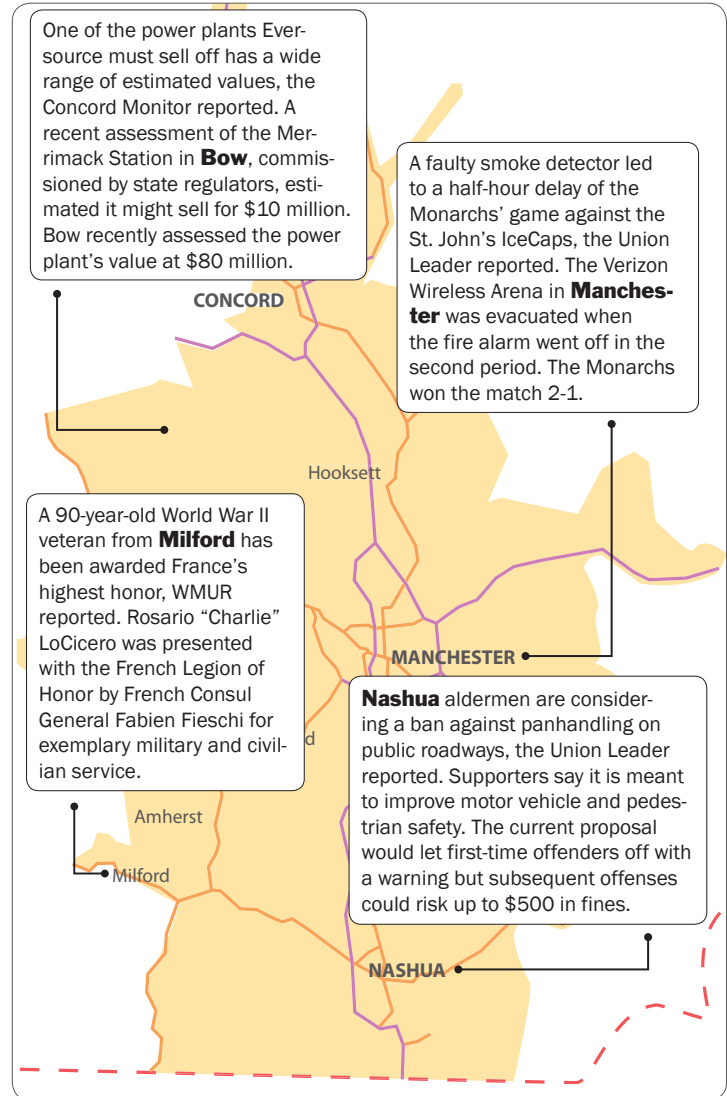
of 2016. Contractors broke ground in August, two decades after the state was ordered to provide female inmates the same services as males. The new facility will have 224 beds.

Broderick's discontent

The former chief justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court has stepped down as head of the UNH School of Law Warren B. Rudman Center, the Union Leader reported. John Broderick was dean of the law school until he began leading the Rudman Center last year. Now, he's leaving the school and the center, and he blames the university proper in Durham for lack of support. Days after the news of Broderick's discontent was published, he was notified by UNH officials to vacate his office and not to appear at any Rudman Center events.

Health budget

The House Finance Committee is considering cutting the state Department of Health and Human Services budget by \$117 million, NHPR reported, making it \$160 million less than the governor's proposed budget. DHHS officials are calling the cuts aggressive. Budget writers voted to eliminate the \$6 million proposed increase for drug and alcohol prevention and treatment and ServiceLink, which connects elderly residents with providers. It also voted to cut emergency shelters by half. However, it voted against cutting \$18 million in developmental services and preserved \$20 million in proposed nursing home cuts. The House committee also proposed delaying a drop in the Medicaid Enhancement Tax and



moving \$31 million in uncompensated care reimbursements meant for hospitals to health care providers, according to the Union Leader. Democrats said it would violate the terms of the state's MET settlement.

Senate tax cuts

The state Senate has voted to table proposed tax cuts for businesses after initially passing them, NHPR reported. Republican Senate major-

ity leader Jeb Bradley supported the bill, which would gradually lower the Business Enterprise Tax and Business Profits Tax over the next four years. Bradley called current rates "uncompetitive." Democrats opposed to the bill said it would downshift costs to towns and cities. The bill was tabled, but Senate leaders say some form of business tax cuts will be in the Senate's version of the state budget. 🐘

BEST WEEK

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

New Hampshire's unemployment fell below the 4-percent mark in February. N.H. Employment Security reports the seasonally adjusted rate was 3.9 percent last month. That means 29,270 state residents are unemployed while there are 714,840 who have a job. The adjusted rate for February 2014 was 5.1 percent.

WORST WEEK

PEASE TRADEPORT WORKERS

The Department of Health and Human Services is offering free blood testing for perfluorinated chemicals, or PFCs, for people who might have consumed them through the Pease Water System. A well at the Pease Tradeport tested positive for PFCs and was shut down last May. DHHS Director of Public Health José Montero said the department is responding to a public request. "Unfortunately, no one knows what a typical level is or if these chemicals harm a person's health," said Montero in a press release. PFCs are man-made chemicals used in the manufacturing of non-stick cookware, fabric coatings and microwave popcorn bags, among other things.

Correction

On page 6 of the March 19 Hippo, an infographic that provided tax-filing tips should have said that for health insurance and the Affordable Care Act, people will need to provide Form 1095-A if they received assistance paying for their premiums. Also, free tax assistance is available to self-employed people whose expenses, not their earnings, are less than \$10,000.



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Denise Markow in the TMC. Behind her is the Barco wall.

By Ryan Lessard
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New Hampshire roadways have been getting smarter over the past few years. Since 2012, a growing Intelligent Transportation System has been watching drivers and collecting data. What that means, specifically, is that about 20 road surface and weather sensors and more than 70 cameras along state highways are beaming microwave signals into more than 20 miles of fiber optic cable and feeding information to the Traffic Management Center in Concord.

Most of the cameras are along the southern part of Interstate 93 and the seacoast. Road sensors tell TMC operators when roads are icy and weather updates tell them when road conditions are likely to worsen.

“Part of the problem we’ve got now is people drive too fast for conditions,” said Denise Markow, the administrator of the TMC.

If bad weather or an accident causes a traffic backup, the Department of Transportation will have real-time awareness of the situation and can work to alleviate congestion with another piece of equipment they’ve installed — the roughly 50 digital message boards along major highways.

When the cameras and sensors are used in tandem with the message boards, it can make roads safer.

“The more information we can put out on the status of the roadway, maybe [drivers] will slow down,” she said.

Markow said the technology is meant to save the state money by creating a more efficient flow of traffic, too.

“We had an incident on I-93 northbound where a young boy exited the car he was riding in and was hit and killed on the highway. The accident happened during the evening commute and closed the northbound corridor of the interstate for hours,” Markow said.

People who were driving up from Massachusetts were running into serious traffic, so when the TMC saw the traffic on their cameras, they contacted Massachusetts and had them post a notice on their message boards.

“In a 40-minute period, the queue had dissipated from over 5 miles to just under 2 miles as travelers got the message and took alternate routes,” said Markow.

Lt. Jerry Maslan with the New Hampshire State Police says the message boards have proven useful.

“It’s forewarning to the motorists that something is either in front of you or something is coming, like a storm,” said Maslan, using the example of a snow squall in January that caused a 35-car pileup on I-93 near Ashland. The boards advised drivers to take another route.

TMC operators, of which there are seldom more than a handful working at a time, sit in front of a large screen called a Barco wall. On the far right, a real-time weather radar shows any weather events. The rest of the wall is filled with live feeds from 56 different cameras set up along I-93, the Spaulding Turnpike and other major roads.

The TMC is located inside the Incident Planning and Operations Center, where it shares space with four divisions of the New Hampshire Department of Safety: the state Fire Marshals Office, 911 Communications, Homeland Security Emergency Management and State Police Dispatch. The latter shares the same room as the TMC so information is passed seamlessly between departments.

TMC operators can now remotely control 10 variable speed limit signs on I-93, and Markow said this infrastructure of sensors, cameras, variable speed limit signs and message boards is growing every month. It’s a feedback loop of information. Cameras and sensors tell operators about accidents and road conditions, and they use message boards, variable speed limits and even Twitter

to inform drivers and improve safety.

Pretty soon, they’ll add another source of data to the cycle: GPS.

“We’re buying a data layer for speed data,” Markow said.

While they are also buying five speed sensors purely for data collection on I-95, she is hoping to save money by getting most of this information from a GPS company. They are currently in talks with GPS provider TomTom to sign a yearly contract for their data.

“The idea behind it is if you drive down I-93 every morning and you see a message board that [usually] says 15 minutes to Salem, then one day it says 45 minutes, something is going on,” Markow said.

With travel time information constantly available to New Hampshire drivers, Markow hopes the state’s roadways will reach their peak efficiency, avoiding congestion before it occurs and responding to unplanned lane closures faster than before.

The GPS data and travel times will be tied to a brand new software program they expect to launch in December. The program will make the traffic management system even more automated. It will integrate a dozen disparate programs used by operators and, most

importantly, it will interconnect the systems of Maine and Vermont with New Hampshire’s. Markow says there’s no other traffic management program of this magnitude anywhere else in the country. It’s a roughly \$4-million project, and New Hampshire is paying \$1.2 million.

“When we get the core system up and running, we will reach out to a couple vendors and say, ‘Do you want to take our data and develop an app?’” said Markow.

The app would provide motorists with the same info provided by the message boards and DoT Twitter accounts, but with the integration of GPS-informed travel times and data from New Hampshire’s neighboring states, info will be more valuable and up-to-date.

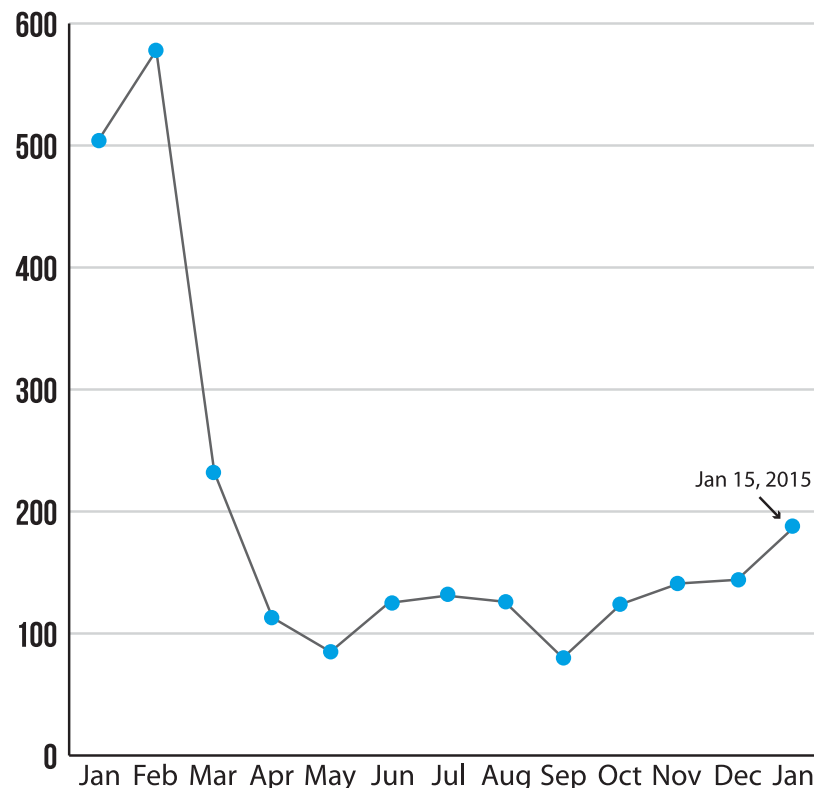
Eventually, Markow hopes to bring the southern New England states, starting with Massachusetts, into the program.

Nick King, the TMC operations manager, is looking forward to a more automated system after an extremely snowy February.

“We were run pretty thin,” said King. “Everybody was working lengthy shifts and multiple days, days off, trying to make sure we had that 24/7 coverage with enough staffing to provide the response to the events.”

Now Tracking

This chart represents the first year that the Traffic Management Center has tracked “unplanned incidents,” which include car accidents causing lane closures. TMC Administrator Denise Markow said numbers in the first three months may include some “planned incidents” such as construction, but that there would be very few during that time. That, plus increased reporting, means these numbers may not be 100-percent accurate, but it’s a first step toward gathering data for TMC.



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SleepOut raises money, awareness for homeless youth

On March 20, about 50 community members and representatives from Child and Family Services spent the night sleeping outdoors in downtown Manchester. CFS organized the SleepOut, and while it was a first-time event, CFS hopes to host one every year in support of the 1,500 runaway, homeless and at-risk youth (ages 12 to 23) that it serves in New Hampshire. It estimates about 300 of those youth live in the greater Manchester area. The event helped to raise more than \$130,000. Cathy Schmidt, executive director and CEO at the McLane Law Firm, was one of the several SleepOut participants.

Q: How did you prepare for the night?

First, I looked at the weather forecast and got really scared because it was going to be 14 degrees and snow flurries. So I immediately went to Eastern Mountain Sports to find a sleeping bag that could withstand zero-degree temperatures, and they were nice enough to also give me a little cushion to provide some support on the ground. I then packed my backpack full of [things like] a flashlight, a headlamp, a little thermos of hot chocolate. My iPod was fully loaded with tunes I could listen to. And then I dressed with lots and lots of layers. So much so that when I showed up, I was sweating, I was so warm.



Cathy Schmidt. Courtesy photo.

up on us?’ It was kinda scary at times.

Why did you choose to subject yourself to this level of discomfort?

McLane has a long history of partnership with Child and Family Services. And last fall, when it was still warm and balmy outside, they had mentioned that they’d be having this event. And I said, ‘Of course. Count me in.’ But what appealed to

me is this SleepOut was a solemn event bringing community leaders together to raise a collective community consciousness about the plight of homeless youth. And that appealed to me. [I wanted] to show solidarity, to raise funds and to put a spotlight on this very sad reality for so many youth in our community.

Did you get much sleep?

No, I didn’t. This in no way replicates what our homeless youth experience. Child and Family Services set us up on the lawn at Stanton Park outside the Radisson Hotel. And they had a plastic cover and cardboard down on the ground that we could put our sleeping bags on, and there was a big, wide-open tent above us to keep the snow off us. So, this is not what our normal homeless youth experience. But it was very cold and it was very hard on the ground. And, despite my best efforts, after a long week — I was very tired — it was very interrupted sleep. Between the honking of cars and the flashing of lights and just worrying, you know, like, ‘Alright, who’s gonna come

How was your experience different compared to that of most homeless youth?

It was different because we were prepared for it. There was good support. There were about 75 of us together. The mayor was there to wish us well. [Still], it was not a celebration or a campout or a rally. It was really just a focus on raising awareness on the plight of homeless youth.

What was your biggest take-away from your experience?

This was my biggest thing: When we got up and packed our sleeping bags, we’d finished our night. All we could think about was so many of these homeless youth then have to get on with their day. And I was so groggy and so lethargic. And I thought, if I ever had to go to work right now or try to be productive, it [would be] really challenging. This is their reality night after night. They have to go off to their jobs or find a job. Just to have the energy and carry on, that was a severe reality for me. What a challenge.

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Monopolized

Good news for New Hampshire Monopoly players everywhere — Hasbro recently announced Portsmouth will be a property in the new “Here and Now, U.S. Edition,” which is being released to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the original Monopoly board game. The represented cities were chosen by nearly 4 million votes cast in 182 countries (for both the U.S. and World editions) via BuzzFeed. (In addition, voters were also invited to write in their favorite cities big and small for the two brown property spaces in the game.) The only other New England city listed was Boston.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *Portsmouth will be a light blue property, along with Dallas, Texas, and Charlotte, N.C. The square will feature fishing boats and an illuminated Memorial Bridge in the background.*

Infecting white pine forests

A U.S. Forest Service study says a mutated fungus — called white pine blister rust — is infesting white pine forests in parts of Epsom and Concord and possibly elsewhere in the Northeast, according to an NHPR report. Scientists became concerned in October 2013 that the fungus was seen on black currant plants said to be immune in New Hampshire, so hundreds of white pine samples went to a Canadian forest lab for testing and were later confirmed to be infected.

QOL Score: -1

Comment: *Spores of the fungus invade when infected plants lose their leaves in the fall and eventually kill the tree.*

Heroin bust

A multi-agency task force, which included the U.S. Attorney's Office, ICE/Homeland Security, New Hampshire State Police and others, arrested eight individuals for distributing heroin, the Union Leader reported. Five reside in the Monadnock region while three are from Lawrence, Mass. Police seized more than 3 kilograms of heroin, 2 of which were in the possession of one alleged dealer arrested at the Rockingham Mall in Salem. Authorities also seized cocaine, oxycodone pills, thousands of dollars in cash and 14 firearms. The bust puts an end to a heroin trafficking ring that has been operating in the Keene area for at least five years.

QOL Score: +2

Comment: *To put this in perspective, the largest amount of heroin seized in Manchester was 300 grams.*

Shelter donation

The Autofair Automotive Group awarded Families in Transition a \$50,000 donation to help build a new shelter in Manchester. The donation was made through the Community Development Finance Authority's Tax Credit Program. The Family Place Resource Center and Shelter that Families in Transition wants to build on Lake Ave. is expected to cost \$2.3 million. In addition to the shelter, it will also include health care services, meals and employment assistance. Maureen Beauregard, the president of Families in Transition, said in a press release, “This is a huge project and the financial support of [the] community is essential to its success.” Families in Transition is still raising the remaining \$247,441 needed for construction to begin in June.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *The CDEA gives 75 percent state tax credit against any donation made to a nonprofit organization.*

QOL score: 70

Net change: +3

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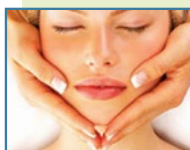
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Basketball brings excitement back



I have this theory that people are more attached to things from the time they first stumbled on them and as time goes on, for most, that thing loses its luster. I'm

not sure that's true, but it is for me with the NCAA Tournament, which I first saw in the late '60s and it was love at first sight. And from that point it was a fun journey as there was the UCLA dynasty to root for as the tourney grew from a 32-team format to 64, the original Big East was formed to make eastern relevant again and there were the iconic players like **Bill Walton**, **Rick Mount**, **Calvin Murphy**, **Larry Bird**, **Magic Johnson**, **Patrick Ewing**, **Christian Laettner** and the greatest college player of them all, **Lew Alcindor**.

But, as the tourney arrives this year, while it's the NBA's doing, we're deep into the one-and-done that doesn't let you watch the most talented freshmen grow to be seniors as I got to see most of the people mentioned above do. There's AAU-ization of recruiting, academic scandals at North Carolina and slimy programs like Syracuse and UConn with their long track record of not giving a whit about players off the court while the coaches pull down gigantic money. All of it takes the luster off my interest in college ball and the tourney going in.

And then as it starts, I see **RJ Hunter** bury an office-pool-busting game-winner with 2.7 seconds left to make 14-seed Georgia State upset winner over 3-seed Baylor and the joy that follows and I'm hooked again. So here are some thoughts on the opening weekend in sports' greatest tournament and beyond:

The headline story is for the second straight year a team looking to be the first undefeated and untied season since Indiana in 1976. This time it's the Calipari One-And Dones, who did their part by winning two easy games to move to 34-0. Kentucky, incidentally, is the one who ended Wichi-

ta State's dreams of pulling off the feat last year.

NCAA Tournament 101: In the year Indiana did go undefeated, it wasn't the only school to come to the '76 Final Four undefeated. Name that other school.

First-round All-Name Team: **BeeJay Anya**, NC State; **Varum Ram**, Maryland; San Diego State's **Kibret Woldemichael**; the Xavier duo of **Makinde London** and **Myles Davis**, who make beautiful music together.

My bracket-buster was NC State taking down Villanova, who I had going to the Final Four.

The line for Claremont's **Kaleb Tarczewski** as Arizona moved on to the Sweet 16 was 13 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists, and 8 points, 9 rebounds in blowout wins over Texas Southern and Ohio State. He needs a good tourney — as he's a second-round choice in many NBA mock drafts before the year, I haven't seen him in one recently.

UCLA moving on to the Sweet 16 seems like revenge for coaches past. First they beat **Larry Brown**, who walked out on the program after two seasons in the early '80s, and SMU on that controversial goal tend at the end on Thursday, and then Saturday it was UAB, which is where **Gene Bartow** bolted to after the pressure of being **John Wooden**'s replacement got to be too much.

Hard to believe, but today is the 42nd anniversary of Walton shooting an astonishing 21 for 22 in leading UCLA to its seventh straight NCAA title with an 81-76 win over Memphis State. And here's the fact you can use to dazzle folks at parties: His "miss" came on a putback dunk that was disallowed because dunking was illegal in 1973.

NCAA Tournament 101 Answer: Led by star **Phil Sellers**, Rutgers came to the '76 Final Four at 32-0. But the dream died in a loss to Michigan, which was led by speedy **Ricky Green** and **Phil Hubbard** to set up an All-Big 10 Final.

NCAA Tournament 102: Who scored the

most points in an NCAA playoff game and in an NCAA final?

With **Tom Crean** out at Indiana, rumors say they'll finally bring back current UCLA coach and '80s Hoosiers star **Steve Alford**. It makes sense as the glory days have been gone since before **Bobby Knight** left, and a star linked to him might be the ticket to bring it back.

Does anyone realize that now America East stalwarts Albany — which is in the dance — and Stony Brook were bottom-dwellers in the NECC with SNHU less than a decade ago?

By the way, you can pick on **Coach Cal**, but at least Kentucky makes no pretense what its players are there for. Duke has three freshmen in **Jahlil Okafor**, **Justise Winslow** and **Tyus Jones** who are most likely going to bolt to the NBA, so why don't Duke or Coach K get similar grief for a program built on one-and-done freshmen?

On my list to get a closer look is Kentucky's **Willie Cauley Stein**, the kind of rim protector and rebounder the Celtics need, who should go somewhere between 5 and 10 in the NBA draft. With the ammo they have, even if they fall around 12 they can go up and get him if he's worth it. Also wanted to see more of **Myles Turner**, an alleged sleeper for the Clippers' mid-20s pick and Texas 7-foot freshman who had 2 points and 10 rebounds while saddled with foul trouble in UT's one-and-done loss to Butler.

NCAA Tournament 102: **Austin Carr** of Notre Dame holds the single-game record of 61 against Ohio University, while Kentucky's **Goose Given** scored 41 in the Wildcats' 1977 Finals win over Duke to get the finals record.

My friend **Petey K**, an astute college basketball observer, told me this winter he thought Kentucky could make the NBA playoffs. And the aforementioned Larry Brown said the same thing the other day.

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NCAA hockey at Verizon

Big Story: The teams are set for this weekend's NCAA Northeast Hockey Regional at the world famous Verizon Wireless Arena. On Friday Hockey East champ BU takes on Yale at 2 p.m. followed by the state intramural clash between Minnesota-Duluth and Minnesota at 5:30 p.m. The winners meet Saturday at 5:30 p.m. for a ticket to the Frozen Four at TD Garden in two weeks.

Sports 101: With his retirement last week Steve Nash became the sixth NBA MVP to go his entire career without winning an NBA title. Name the other five.

The Big Story II : Last year it was the men's soccer team at SNHU that copped the Division II national title and this year it could be the men's basketball team who could do it if things go well in Evanston, Illinois, this weekend. That's where the Penmen will be to see if they can run the table in the three games it will take to win it at the Elite Eight.

Big Story III: It was two firsts for Londonderry in the NHIAA's Division I title game. Their 47-46 win over next-door neighbor Pinkerton was the first state title in the school's history and concluded their first undefeated season as well. They did it despite stars **Cody Ball** and **Marc Corey**, who had

a game-high 17 points, being saddled with second-half foul trouble. Sophomore **Branford Radford** made the game-winning lay-up with 45 seconds left and then with a fouled out Corey on the pine the Lancers survived a close-but-no-cigar 3 at the buzzer by **Matt Rizzo** to claim the title.

Alumni News: Claremont's **Kaleb Tarczewski** ain't the only New Hampshire kid playing in the NCAA tournament last week; the ex-Alvirne Bronco **Caleb Donnelly** spells his with a C. He got 11 minutes off the bench in the Huskies' close-but-no-cigar 69-65 first-round loss to Notre Dame when he was 0-2 from the field and had one rebound.

Sports 101 Answer: Nash joins **Charles Barkley**, **Allen Iverson**, **Derrick Rose** and **Kevin Durant** as MVPs who did not win, or have not yet won, an NBA title.

On This Date – March 26: 1926 – Montreal goaltender **Georges Vezina**, who the goalie of the year award is named after, dies from TB at 39. **1992** – **Mike Tyson** sentenced to 10 years in rape of **Desiree Washington**. **1993** – Cal star **Roy Riegels**, famous for running the wrong way to a safety after scooping up a fumble in the 1920 Rose Bowl, dies at 84.

The Numbers

19 – wins and losses to go along with 2 ties for UNH after its season ended on Friday with a 4-1 loss to Boston University in the semi-final round of the Hockey East playoffs at the TD Garden.

21 – game-high points scored by **Marcus Haynes** as Goffstown's run to the

Division II Finals was stopped a game short in a 61-47 loss to Bishop Brady.

30 – points scored by **Geo Baker-Oceus** in leading Pinkerton Academy into the Division I Final game via a 63-58 win over Nashua North.

71 – percentage of Patriots fans in an ESPN.com

poll who said the team made the right move in letting all-timer **Vince Wilfork** move on.

88 – AHL-best number of points for the red hot Manchester Monarchs after winning four straight last week culminating with Sunday's 3-1 win over Portland in front of 8,097 at the V.

Sports Glossary

Pete Maravich: Part Harlem Globetrotter, part sideshow and greatest scoring force in NCAA history. Burst onto the scene with his signature low black Converse All-Star sneakers and floppy grey socks to average an unheard of 43.8 points per game in 1968 at LSU, followed by 44.2 and 44.5 as a junior and senior, which added to an astonishing 44.2 point per career average. But thanks to the 32-team format of the day, he never made the NCAA tournament and only went to the NIT once, where LSU lost to eventual champs Marquette in 1970.

Calvin Murphy and Rick Mount: Contemporaries who nearly matched Pistol Pete's prolific collegiate scoring prowess. For Murphy it was 38.2 and 33.1 at Niagara while Mount went for 33.3 and 35.4 at Purdue.

Converse All-Stars: Once-upon-a-time state-of-the-art sneakers that offer absolutely no ankle support whatsoever. They were one step better than the Model T because you could get them in black or white, which may be why they were once referred to as "limousines for the feet."

Larry Brown Tenures: Between college and pro they include 13 head coaching stops with seven lasting two years or less as he became the only man to win both an NCAA and NBA title.

Christian Laettner: Not real likeable, but in leading Duke to the two national titles and four Final Four in the 1990s while making buzzer-beating shots vs. Kentucky and UConn, one of the 10 greatest college all-time hoopsters.

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Honorable Mention: Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry, 437-5100, tupelohalllondonderry.com

Best Art Gallery

Best of the Best: McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord

Best of Concord: Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord

Best of Manchester: Art 3 Gallery, 44 W. Brook St., Manchester, 668-6650, art3gallery.com

Best of Nashua: ArtHub, organized by the Nashua Area Artists Association, 30 Temple St., Suite 102, Nashua, 405-698-1951, nashuaareaartistsassoc.org

Best Art in a Public Space

Best of the Best: Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org (Sculptures are on display outside

the grounds — “Fusion II” by George Sherwood and “Origins” by Mark di Suvero — and art also resides in the nearby arts center and inside the building.)

Best of Concord: Eagle Square, downtown Concord (The square was designed by Duncan McGowan and contains a fountain, atrium and sculpture, “Tree of Life” by Dimitri Gerakaris, which makes up part of the ironwork gate into the square. It’s also home to Giftopolis, the arts market part of Concord’s Midnight Merriment in December; Midsummer Night Magic, which occurs in June; and numerous other theatrical and musical shows.)

Best of Manchester: City Hall in Manchester (There’s an indoor art gallery that rotates work every two months, curated by the Manchester Arts Commission. It’s also home to the annual National Arts Program City Employee & Family Art Show, better

known as “Art on the Wall at City Hall,” which happens every summer.)

Best of Nashua: Greeley Park Art Show, Concord St., Nashua, nashuaareaartists.org (The Greeley Park Art Show is an outdoor event held every August by the Nashua Area Artists Association.)

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Best Barbershop

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Best of Manchester: Dude’s Barbershop, 1311 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 626-0533, dudesbarbershop.us

Best of Nashua: Wilfred’s Barbershop, 95 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 880-8805

Best Salon

Best of the Best: Salon K, 18 Pleasant St., Concord, 225-0099, salonkconcord.com

Best of Concord: Creative Color & Cuts, 228-1158, creativecolorandcuts.com

Best of Manchester: Arcadya Salon & Day Spa, 989 Cilley Road, Manchester,

644-1355, arcadyasalonanddayspa.com

Best of Nashua: Drápóel Salon & Boutique, 634 DW Highway, Merrimack, 424-9411, drapoelsalon.com

Best Spa

Best of the Best: Chill Spa, 1224 Hanover St., Manchester, 622-3722, chillspa.com

Best of Concord: Serendipity Day Spa, 23 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, 229-0400, serendipitydayspa.com

Best of Manchester: Renew MediSpa, 29 Indian Rock Road, Windham, 894-0070, renewmedispa.com

Best of Nashua: Innovations The Salon & Spa, 228 Naticook Road, Merrimack, 880-7499, innovationsnh.com

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Best of Concord: Bona Fide Tattoo, 10 N. State St., Concord, 540-4993, tatbro.com

Best of Manchester: Tattoo Angus, 1279 S. Willow St., Manchester, 935-9398, tattooangus.com

Best of Nashua: Devotion Ink Tattoo, 483 Amherst St., Nashua, 883-4465, devotion-inktattoo.com



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Best Gym

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Best of Concord: Storms Fitness, 442 Pine St., Contoocook, 746-4572, stormsfitness.com

Best of Manchester: Executive Health & Sports Center, 1 Highlander Way, Manchester, 668-4753, ehsc.com

Best of Nashua: Hampshire Hills Sports & Fitness Club, 50 Emerson Road, Milford, 673-7123, hampshirehills.com

Best Yoga Studio

Best of the Best: YogaBalance, 135 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 625-4000, yogabalance.info

Best of Concord: Sharing Yoga, 15 Pleasant St., Concord, 630-5576, sharingyoga.com

Best of Manchester: Riverflow Yoga, 198 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, 935-9822, riverflowyoga.com

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BEAUTY/WELLNESS EXPERTS

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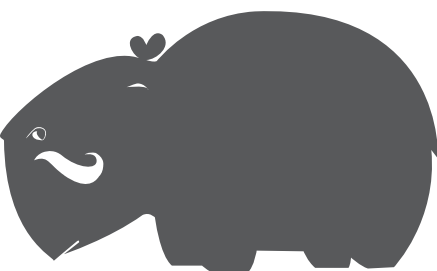
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GEOGRAPHY

Here, roughly, is the designation of "Manchester," "Concord" and "Nashua" areas:

- Manchester area includes Manchester as well as Goffstown, Auburn, Candia, Bedford, Hooksett, Raymond, Litchfield, Derry, Londonderry, Windham, Salem, New Boston, Francestown and towns to the east along Route 101 as far as Route 125.

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- Nashua area includes Nashua as well as Merrimack, Amherst, Hollis, Brookline, Hudson, Mason and Wilton.

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, COMMENTS

Did we get an address or phone number wrong? Do you have an idea for a new category? Do you think your favorite pizza place should have been the winner? Well, there's nothing I can do about that last one (though if you think there's an unsung person, place or event out there, pizza-related or not, we'd love to hear about it). But for corrections (which would run on page 4 or, in the case of food-related categories, in the Weekly Dish column of upcoming issues), please contact me, editor Amy Diaz, at adiaz@hippopress.com. Categories change every year (you may notice a few new ones this year and that some categories from past years are on sabbatical), so we're always looking for new ideas. Some of this year's categories are the result of suggestions received after last year's results, so please send yours along.

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Best Garden Center

Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials

BEST THING WE FORGOT TO ASK ABOUT BEST

By Angie Sykeny
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Tucked halfway up the south slope of Goffstown's North Uncanoonuc Mountain is Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials, a nursery with 2.5 acres, over 900 types of plants and 35 years of history.

Owner Nettie Ryneerson grew up in a family of amateur gardeners but fell in love with plants in a college class. In 1979, she bought a plot of land on the mountain and started planting.

"It seems like it's my purpose in life to make this property the most beautiful place on earth," Ryneerson said. "That's what we've been working towards all these years."

The nursery opens for business on April 25 this year and will operate Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ryneerson has been expanding each year with more plants, extended hours and a progressing website.

Her latest project? Developing an online, printable catalog detailing every plant with its price, photo, and a colorful description. "It's quite a resource for people," she



Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials' rose garden

said.

Uncanoonuc currently grows 80 percent of what it sells, and that number increases each year.

"We are different than a garden center, which sells fertilizers and gloves and cards, et cetera," Ryneerson said. "We're a nursery. We're all about the plants."

Part of what makes Uncanoonuc unique is its extensive display gardens — half an acre of winding paths through color-coor-

dated gardens of labelled plants. There is also a formal rose garden with white wooden fences, brick patios, arbors, and pathways that circle around.

"It's beautiful and smells wonderful," Ryneerson said. "Roses are one of our specialties."

The nursery has an extensive selection of heart perennials, shrubs, flowering vines and berry bushes, just to name a few. With over 900 different plants to choose

from, Ryneerson said customers can get overwhelmed, so she created a group of low-maintenance plants she likes to call the "love 'em and leave 'ems."

"They're for newbies or time-strapped gardeners who want their gardens to look great but don't want to spend all weekend on them," she said. "It helps people know where to start and takes the scariness out of our huge selection."

On June 27 and June 28, Uncanoonuc will throw its 35th anniversary celebration with bouquet giveaways, T-shirts and free refreshments.

For now, Ryneerson and the nursery staff are just waiting for the snow to melt so they can start fertilizing and displaying the plants they potted in the fall in preparation for the spring.

"I have a great job," she said. "I get to be outside, spending my time in the gardens and nurturing beauty." 🌸

Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials

Where: 452 Mountain Road, Goffstown
Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 25 through Sept. 27
Visit: uncanoonucmt.com

Best of Concord: Karen Kenney, Quest Yoga, 2½ Beacon St., Suite 144, Concord, 608-7590, karenkenney.com

Best of Manchester: Nicole Detellis, Fuse Yoga & Fitness, 182 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 432-1626, exhaleyoganh.com

Best of Nashua: Laura Richardson, Bikram Yoga Nashua, 5 Pine St. Ext., 6 Mill South, Nashua, 880-9642, bikramyoganashua.com

Best Barber:

Best of the Best: Rick Lindof, Gate City Barbers, 85 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 864-8330

Best of Concord: Josh Craggy, Lucky's Barbershop and Shave Parlor, 50 S. State St., Concord, 715-5470, luckysbarbershop.biz

Best of Manchester: Josh Smith, Dude's Barber Shop, 1311 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 626-0533, dudesbarbershop.us

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Best of the Best: Brutus Auto Repair & Service, 148 Merrimack St., Manchester, 624-8881, brutusauto.com

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Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, 232-1143, reflextuning.com

Best of Nashua: Gurney's Automotive Repair, 419 Elm St., Milford, 249-5552, gurneysautomotive.com

Best Florist

Best of the Best: Cobblestone Florist, 89 Fort Eddy Road, Concord, 228-5980, cobblestoneflorist.com

Best of Concord: D. McLeod, 49 S. State St., Concord, 225-3721, dmflowers.com

Best of Manchester: Chalifours, 46 Elm St., Manchester, 623-8844, chalifours.com

Best of Nashua: Fortin Gage Flowers and Gifts, 86 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 882-3371, fortingage.com

Best Independent Clothing Store

Best of the Best: Gondwana & Divine Clothing Co., 13 N. Main St., Concord, 228-1101, clothingnh.com

Best of Concord: Indigo Blues & Co., 902 Main St., Contoocook, 660-9290, indigobluesandco.com

Best of Manchester: Alapage, 25 S. River Road, No. 301, Bedford, 622-0550, alapageboutique.com

Best of Nashua: Fresh of Nashua, 178 Main St., Nashua, 821-9888, freshofnashua.com

Best Independent Jewelry Store

Best of the Best: Capitol Craftsman & Romance Jewelers, 16 & 18 N. Main St., Concord, 224-6166, capitolcraftsman.com

Best of Concord: Mark Knipe Goldsmith, 2 Capital Plaza, Concord, 224-2920, knipegold.com

Best of Manchester: Bellman Jewelers, 1650 Elm St., Manchester, 625-4653, bellmans.com

Best of Nashua: Scontsas Fine Jewelry, 169-173 Main St., Nashua, 882-3281, scontsas.com

Best Independent Shoe Store

Best of the Best: Alec's Shoes, 201 Main St., Nashua, 881-6811, alecs-shoes.com

Best of Concord: Joe King's, 45 N. Main St., Concord, 225-6012, joekings.com

Best of Manchester: Benton Shoe Company and George's Shoe Store, 814 Elm St., Manchester, 644-2550, bentonshoeco.com

Best of Nashua: The Shoebox, 17 NH 101A, Amherst, 672-6570, shoeboxnh.com

Best Second Hand Store

Best of the Best: Mother & Child, Greystone Plaza, 650 Amherst St., Nashua, 886-6727, mothersays.shoprw.com

Best of Concord: New to You Recycled Fashion, 15 Pleasant St., Concord, 715-5908, newtoyouconcord.com

Best of Manchester: OPUS Designers, 194 S. Main St., Manchester, 645-6787, opusnh.com

Best of Nashua: Lucky Dog Thrift Shop, 23 Elm St., Nashua, 882-3647, luckydogthriftshop.com

STANDOUT EATERIES

Best Restaurant Overall

Best of the Best: Republic, 1069 Elm St., Manchester, 666-3723, republiccafe.com

Best of Concord: The Barley House, 132 North Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

Best of Manchester: The Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com

Best of Nashua: Surf Restaurant, 207 Main St., Nashua, 595-9293, surfseafood.com

Best New Eatery

Best of the Best: Campo Enoteca, 969 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0256, campoenoteca.com, opened April 18, 2014

Best of Concord: Gyro House, 58 N. Main St., Concord, 219-0559, opened February 10, 2014

Best of Manchester: Metro Diner, 342 Cypress St., Manchester, 206-5868, metro-dinernh.com, opened August 2014

Best of Nashua: 110 Grill, 27 Trafalgar Square, Nashua, 943-7443, 110grill.com, opened December 8, 2014

Best Fine Dining Restaurant

Best of the Best: Hanover Street Chophouse, 149 Hanover St., Manchester, 644-2467, hanoverstreetchophouse.com

Best of Concord: O Steaks & Seafood, 11 S. Main St., Concord, 856-7925, magicfoodsrestaurantgroup.com

Best of Manchester: Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com

Best of Nashua: Buckley's Great Steaks, 438 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com

Best Pub

Best of the Best: The Shaskeen, 909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, theshaskeen-pub.com

Best of Concord: The Barley House, 132

N. Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

Best of Manchester: The Wild Rover, 21 Kosciuszko St., Manchester, 669-7722, wildroverpub.com

Best of Nashua: The Peddler's Daughter, 48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com

DELICIOUS DISHES

Best Bagels

Best of the Best: Bagel Cafe, 373 Hanover St., Manchester, 647-2233, nhbagelcafe.com

Best of Concord: The Works Bakery Cafe, 42 N. Main St., Concord, 226-1827, worksbakerycafe.com

Best of Manchester: Bagel Cafe, 19 S. River Road, Bedford, 644-5555, nhbagelcafe.com

Best of Nashua: Hot Rize Bagel Cafe, 634 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, 424-3367, hotrizecafe.com

Best Barbecue

Best of the Best: KC's Rib Shack, 837 Second St., Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net

Best of Concord: Arnie's Place, 164 Loudon Road, Concord, 228-3225, arnies-place.com

Best of Manchester: The Farm Bar & Grille, 1181 Elm St., Manchester, 641-3276, farmbargrille.com

Best of Nashua: Riverside Barbeque Co., 53 Main St., Nashua, 204-5110, riverside-barbeque.com

Best Breakfast

Best of the Best: Tucker's, 1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 206-5757, tuckersnh.com

Best of Concord: The Newell Post Restaurant, 125 Fisherville Road, Concord, 228-0522, newellpostrestaurant.com

Best of Manchester: Purple Finch Cafe, Woodbury Court, 124 S. River Road, Bedford, 232-1953, purplefinchcafe.com

Best of Nashua: Parker's Maple Barn, 1316 Brookline Road, Mason, 878-2308, parkersmaplebar.com

Best Burgers

Best of the Best: The Barley House, 132 N. Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

Best of Concord: Downtown Cheers Grille & Bar, 17 Depot St., Concord, 228-



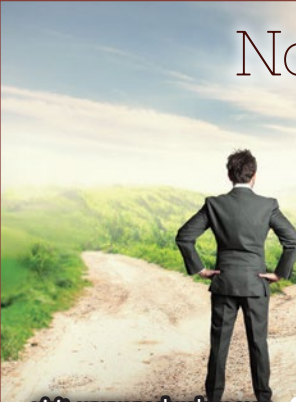


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Best Dance Studio

Dimensions in Dance

By Kelly Sennott
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“I really try to emphasize that ballet is a performing art form,” said Amy Fortier, artistic director for Dimensions in Dance and its non-profit performance company, Ballet Misha. “One thing that’s gotten really popular is competitive dance and competitive cheerleading, but I feel like a lot of that art form gets lost when you turn it into a sport or competition.”

Fortier thinks that she, her students and the general community get more out of dance when they perform not end-of-year-recitals, but ballets with storylines, like *Mary Poppins*, which is at the Palace Theatre May 30.

Other notable events include April 27, when they’ll perform pieces at the Currier Museum of Art inspired by landscape paintings on view; the InTown Manchester Family Fun Fest this summer, where they perform a take of Maurice Sendak’s *Where the Wild Things Are*; and their annual *Nutcracker* performance in December, also at the Palace. This past year, a small group of students has also been performing an interpretation of David Rottenberg’s *Gwendolyn the Graceful Pig* at various area schools.

0180, cheersnh.com

Best of Manchester: New England’s Tap House Grille, 1292 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 782-5137, taphousenh.com

Best of Nashua: Buckley’s Great Steaks, 438 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com

Best Burrito

Best of the Best: Dos Amigos Burritos, 26 N. Main St., Concord, 410-4161, dosamigosburritos.com

Best of Concord: Hermanos Cocina Mexicana, 11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com

Best of Manchester: Dos Amigos Burritos, 931 Elm St., Manchester, 232-2308, dosamigosburritos.com

Best of Nashua: La Carreta, 139 Daniel Webster Hwy, Nashua, 891-0055, lacarretamex.com

Best Clam Chowder

Best of the Best: Collins Brothers Chowder Co., 59 Temple St., Nashua, 883-2347, collinsbrotherschowder.com

Best of Concord: Makris Lobster & Steak House, Route 106, Concord, 225-7665, eatalobster.com

Best of Manchester: Ipswich Clambake, 791 Second St., Manchester, 232-5111, ipswichclambake.com

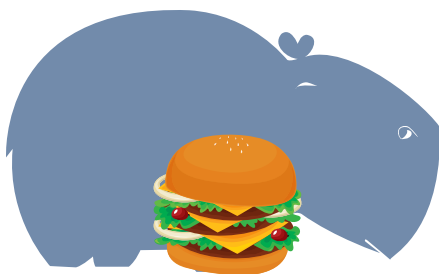
Best of Nashua: The Lobster Boat Restau-



Dimensions in Dance’s Ballet Misha at the New Hampshire Choreographer’s Showcase at the Stockbridge Theatre in Derry. Annmarie Lidman photo.

“I think kids get excited when they have actual roles. They can really identify with it more. It’s a lot more work for us, and for our school and my faculty, but for us, it’s really worth it to do a huge production like that because the kids get so much more out of it,” Fortier said.

Dimensions in Dance was founded in 1995 by Michele Leslie, a professional dancer with the Dance Theatre of Harlem. Fortier, a former student, took over in 2007 when Leslie died.



rant, 453 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, 424-5221, lobsterboatrestaurant.com

Best French Fries

Best of the Best: Republic, 1069 Elm St., Manchester, 666-3723, republiccafe.com

Best of Concord: The Barley House, 132 N. Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

Best of Manchester: Caesario’s, 1057 Elm St., Manchester, 669-8383, caesario-spizza.com

Best of Nashua: The Peddler’s Daughter, 48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com

Best Mac & Cheese

Best of the Best: Mr. Mac’s, 497 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 606-1760, mr-macs.com

Best of Concord: O Steaks & Seafood, 11 S. Main St., Concord, 856-7925, magic-foodsrestaurantgroup.com

Best of Manchester: The Tuckaway Tav-

BEST THING WE FORGOT TO ASK ABOUT RUNNER UP

Manchester.

“We have the largest adult program in the state,” Fortier said. “A lot of schools won’t take dancers over the age of 18 because adult programs don’t make enough money [because the classes are small]. ... They think it’s not worth it. We’re lucky because we have three dance studios, but it’s typically hard to take a time slot away from a class that could make a lot more money.”

Fortier thinks it’s important that arts organizations support other organizations — hence the company’s collaboration with Southern New Hampshire Dance Theater, Northern Ballet Theatre, the Currier Museum of Art and the Manchester Community Music School, among others. But she thinks all this traveling and diversity is good for her dancers too.

“Dance is all about relating to your audience, and getting your audience to feel something or believe in what you’re doing. The more diverse audiences they have, the more they can grow as dancers,” Fortier said. 🗨️

Dimensions in Dance

Where: 84 Myrtle St., Manchester

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She brought her own expertise — she trained at the Boston Ballet, the Walnut Hill School and Goucher College in Baltimore — and added another element, Ballet Misha, the nonprofit performing dance company within the Dimensions in Dance school (which means they can apply for grants). It’s named for Leslie, whom Fortier called “Misha” as a child.

About 200 students, ages 2 to adult, currently rehearse in a renovated 1920s historic building on Myrtle Street in downtown

ern & Butchery, 58 Route 27, Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com

Best of Nashua: The Homestead Restaurant & Tavern, 641 D.W. Highway, Merrimack, 429-2022, homesteadnh.com

Best Menu Item

Best of the Best: Chicken tenders at The Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com

Best of Concord: Dublin Burger (Pep-percorn charred, whiskey gravy, creamy blue cheese, crispy onions) at The Barley House, 132 N. Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

Best of Manchester: Classic Roman Carbonara (bucatini pasta, Parmesan, guanciale, local eggs, black pepper, parsley, no cream) at Campo Enoteca, 969 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0256, campoenoteca.com

Best of Nashua: Cochon five-ways (wild boar rib chop, tenderloin medallion, pork cheek, pork belly, cochon reduction potato puree, root vegetables) at bluAqua Restaurant & Bar, Salzburg Square, 292 Route 101, Amherst, 673-4321, bluquanh.com

Best Pizza, Takeout

Best of the Best: Alley Cat Pizzeria, 486 Chestnut St., Manchester, 669-4533, alley-catpizzerianh.com

Best of Concord: Constantly Pizza, 39 S. Main St., Concord, 224-9366, constantlypizza.net

Best of Manchester: Pizza 911, 108 Webster St., Manchester, 625-2201, pizza911nh.com

Best of Nashua: Espresso Pizza, 85 Main St., Nashua, 889-9826, espressopizzaonline.com

Best Pizza, Dine-in

Best of the Best: 900 Degrees Pizzeria, 50 Dow St., Manchester, 641-0900, 900degrees.com

Best of Concord: Constantly Pizza, 39 S. Main St., Concord, 224-9366, constantlypizza.net

Best of Manchester: The Pizza Man, 254 W. River Road, Hooksett, 626-7499, thepizzamandelivers.com

Best of Nashua: Pasta Loft Restaurant, 241 Union Square, Milford, 672-2270, pastaloft.com

Best Salads

Best of the Best: Live Juice, 5 S. Main St., Concord, 226-3024, livejuicenh.com

Best of Concord: Downtown Cheers Grille & Bar, 17 Depot St., Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com

Best of Manchester: The Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com

Best of Nashua: The Seedling Cafe, 30 Temple St., Nashua, 594-4002, theseedlingcafe.com

Best Sandwich

Best of the Best: Famous Roast Beef Sandwiches (served warm on a grilled roll) at Beefside, 106 Manchester St., Concord, 228-0208, beefsidenh.com

Best of Concord: Korean Pork Burrito (pork, savoy cabbage, scallion, cilantro, sriracha sauce on a warm tortilla) at Wellington's Marketplace, 124 N. Main St., Concord, 715-1191, wellingtonsmarketplace.com

Best of Manchester: Duck Duck Duck Goose (smoked duck, duck bacon and duck confit with candied shallots, Jarlsberg cheese and foie gras mayo) at Cask and Vine, 1½ East Broadway, Derry, 965-3454, caskandvine.com

Best of Nashua: Big Poppy (turkey, pepperoni and muenster cheese "heated") at The Nashua Garden, 121 Main St., Nashua, 886-7363, sites.google.com/site/thenashuagarden

Best Subs

Best of the Best: Nadeau's, 805 Canal St., Manchester, 644-8888; 100 Cahill Ave., Manchester, 669-7827; 1095 Hanover St., Manchester, 606-4411, with additional locations in Goffstown and Exeter, nadeaussubs.com

Best of Concord: The Yellow Submarine, 192 N. State St., Concord, 228-4500, facebook.com/YellowSubNH

Best of Manchester: USA Subs, 1292 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 625-1800, usa-subs.com

Best of Nashua: Bill Cahill's Super Subs, 8 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, 882-7710

SWEET TREATS

Best Cupcakes

Best of the Best: Queen City Cupcakes, 790 Elm St., Manchester, 624-4999, qccupcakes.com

Best of Concord: New England Cupcakery, 28 S. Main St., Concord, 724-6464, necupcakery.com

Best of Manchester: Cupcakes 101, 132 Bedford Center Road, Suite A, Bedford, 488-5962, cupcakes101.net

Best of Nashua: Frederick's Pastries, 109 Route 101A, Amherst, 882-7725, pastry.net

Best Desserts

Best of the Best: Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester, 232-6592, finessepastries.com

Best of Concord: Bread & Chocolate, 29 S. Main St., Concord, 228-3330

Best of Manchester: Baked Downtown Cafe & Bakery, 1015 Elm St., Manchester,

606-1969, bakeddowntown.com

Best of Nashua: The Black Forest Cafe, 212 Route 101, Amherst, 672-0500, theblackforestcafe.com

Best Ice Cream

Best of the Best: The Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com

Best of Concord: Arnie's Place, 164 Loudon Road, Concord, 228-3225, arnies-place.com

Best of Manchester: Goldenrod Drive-In Restaurant, 1681 Candia Road, Manchester, 623-9469, goldenrodrestaurant.com

Best of Nashua: Hayward's Homemade Ice Cream, 7 D.W. Hwy, Nashua, 888-4663, haywardsicecream.com

Best Pies

Best of the Best: Red Arrow Diner, 61 Lowell St., Manchester, 626-1118, redarrowdiner.com, with additional locations in Milford and Londonderry.

Best of Concord: The Crust & Crumb Baking Company, 126 N. Main St., Concord, 219-0763, thecrustandcrumb.com

Best of Manchester: Michelle's Gourmet Pastries & Deli, 819 Union St., Manchester, 647-7150, michellespastries.com

Best of Nashua: The Black Forest Cafe, 212 Route 101, Amherst, 672-0500, theblackforestcafe.com

Best Whoopie Pies

Best of the Best: The Crust & Crumb Baking Company, 126 N. Main St., Concord, 219-0763, thecrustandcrumb.com

Best of Concord: Just Like Mom's Pastries, 353 Riverdale Road, Weare, 529-6667, justlikemomspastries.com

Best of Manchester: Baked Downtown Cafe & Bakery, 1015 Elm St., Manchester, 606-1969, bakeddowntown.com

Best of Nashua: The Black Forest Cafe, 212 Route 101, Amherst, 672-0500, theblackforestcafe.com

FOOD SHOPS

Best Bakery

Best of the Best: Bread & Chocolate, 29 S. Main St., Concord, 228-3330

Best of Concord: The Crust & Crumb Baking Company, 126 N. Main St., Concord, 219-0763, thecrustandcrumb.com

Best of Manchester: Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester, 232-6592, finessep-



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Best general store

Mont Vernon General Store

By Allie Ginwala
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When Dan Bellemore took over as owner of the Mont Vernon General Store two years ago, he knew exactly what he wanted it to be like.

"I was on the road for 25 years with my family oil company and Irving, so I'd seen the best and the worst out there," Bellemore said.

He decided to make it a general store with a twist and a distinctly New Hampshire feel.

Also described as a "convenience store with a flair," Mont Vernon General Store carries everything from hammers and batteries to wine and gourmet cheese.

"This is what I think the general store should be today," Bellemore said.

The store also makes gift baskets in toolboxes, tackle boxes, mixing bowls and hat boxes, he said, many of which are filled with local products from Van Otis Chocolates, Granite State Candy Shoppe and Parker House Coffee. Bakery items like pastries, muffins, brownies and whoopie pies are all made onsite, as

pastries.com

Best of Nashua: Frederick's Pastries, 109 Route 101A, Amherst, 882-7725, pastry.net

Best Butcher Shop

Best of the Best: Mr. Steer Meats, 27 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 434-1444, mrsteermeats.com

Best of Concord: Concord Beef & Seafood, 79 S. Main St., Concord, 226-3474, find them on Facebook

Best of Manchester: The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery, 58 Route 27, Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com

Best of Nashua: Brothers Butcher, 8 Spit Brook Road, Nashua, 809-4180, brothers-butcher.com

Best Candy/Chocolate Shop

Best of the Best: Granite State Candy Shoppe, 13 Warren St., Concord, 225-2591, nhchocolates.com, with an additional location in Manchester.

Best of Concord: Confectionately Yours Sweet Shop, 563 Route 106, Loudon, 783-9300, facebook.com/ConfectionatelyYoursSweetShop

Best of Manchester: Van Otis Chocolates, 341 Elm St., Manchester, 627-1611, vanotischocolates.com

Best of Nashua: Nelson's Candies, 65 Main St., Wilton, 654-5030, facebook.com/nelsonscandies.localsafe



Mont Vernon General Store. Courtesy photo.

is a menu full of sandwiches named after famous New Hampshire residents, including Adam Sandler, Dean Kamen, Bode Miller and former Gov. John Lynch, as well as Sarah Josepha Hale, author and editor

of a women's magazine in the 1800s, and Goody Cole, the only woman to be convicted of witchcraft in the state.

"And our newest is the Alex Preston," Bellemore said, after a quick reminder



Best Farm Stand

Best of the Best: Lull Farm, 65 Broad St./Route 130, Hollis, 465-7079, livefreeand-farm.com, open year round

Best of Concord: Dimond Hill Farm, 314 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 496-8218, dimondhillfarm.com, open June to October

Best of Manchester: Wilson Farm, 144 Charles Bancroft Hwy, Litchfield, 882-5551, wilsonfarm.com, open May to October

Best of Nashua: Lull Farm, 615 Route 13 South, Milford, 673-3119, livefreeand-farm.com, open April to January

Best Farmers Market

Best: Concord Farmers Market, Capitol Street, downtown Concord, concordfarmersmarket.com, open May to October

Runner-up: Manchester Farmers Market, 48 Concord St., next to Victory Park, Manchester, manchesternhfarmersmarket.com, open June to October

BEST THING WE FORGOT TO ASK ABOUT HONORABLE MENTION

from store manager Renee Roberts. "We really try, with that, to inspire young people. Just because we're from a small state, we can [still] become whatever we want."

Bellemore wants the store, which has been part of Mont Vernon since 1840, to keep its community relationship strong.

"It's great that you know your customers' names," he said.

One example of the store's involvement with the community are the citations given out by the police to kids who are exhibiting good behavior (wearing a helmet while riding a bike, crossing the street at a crosswalk, etc.), which can be redeemed at the general store for a slush puppy.

"We are honored and just a little overwhelmed at the support that the store's had," he said. "It's been a great relationship with all of the local communities, and we really feel that."

Mont Vernon General Store

Where: 10 N. Main St., Mont Vernon

Call: 554-1480

Visit: mvgsnh.com, facebook.com/MontVernonGeneralStore

Honorable mention: Salem NH Farmers Market, Lake Street Garden Center, 37 Lake St., Salem, salemnhfarmersmarket.org, open year round

Best Neighborhood Market

Best of the Best: Bunny's Superette, 75 Webster St., Manchester, 622-5080, find them on Facebook.

Best of Concord: Concord Food Co-op, 24 S. Main St., Concord, 225-6840, concordfoodcoop.coop

Best of Manchester: Sully's Superette, 10 N. Mast Road, Goffstown, 497-8176, sullyssuperette.com

Best of Nashua: Jeannotte's Market, 2 Courtland St., Nashua, 882-0161, find them on Facebook

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Best Beer Selection at a Bar or Restaurant

Best of the Best: Strange Brew Tavern, 88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292, strangebrewtavern.com

Best of Concord: The Barley House, 132 N. Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

Best of Manchester: New England's Tap House Grille, 1292 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 782-5137, taphousenh.com

Best of Nashua: Martha's Exchange Res-

taurant and Brewing Co., 185 Main St., Nashua, 883-8781, marthas-exchange.com

Best Beer Shop

Best of the Best: Bert's Better Beers, 1100 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 413-5992, berts-betterbeers.com

Best of Concord: Barb's Beer Emporium, 249 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, 369-4501, barbsbeeremporium.com

Best of Manchester: Lazy Dog Beer Shoppe, 27 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 434-2500, lazydogbeer.com

Best of Nashua: The Beer Store, 433 Amherst St., Nashua, 889-2242, thebeerstorenh.com

Best NH Brewery

Best: The Able Ebenezer Brewing Company, 31 Columbia Circle, Merrimack, (844) 223-2253, ableebenezer.com

Runner-up: Redhook Brewery, 1 Redhook Way, 430-8600, redhook.com/breweries/portsmouth-brewery



Honorable Mention: Smuttynose Brewing Company, 105 Towle Farm Road, Hampton, 436-4026, smuttynose.com

Best Cocktail

Best of the Best: The Mudslide (Bailey's Irish cream, kahlua and vodka) at Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 666-9893, puritanbackroom.com

Best of Concord: Hermanos Margarita (Freshly squeezed lemon lime mix, Pepe Lopez tequila and triple sec) at Hermanos Cocina Mexicana, 11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com

Best of Manchester: The Moroccan Old Fashioned (Old Overholt Rye, Berber syrup and bitters) at Republic Cafe, 1069 Elm St., Manchester, 666-3723, republiccafe.com

Best of Nashua: Martini at Stella Blu. Its martini bar will make any martini to order. The drink menu features 22 specialty martinis including crowd favorites the French Kiss and the Macaroon martini. Located at 40 East Pearl St., Nashua, 578-5557, stellablu-nh.com.

Best NH Distillery

Best: Flag Hill, 297 N. River Road, Lee, 659-2949, flaghill.com

Runner-up: Djinn Spirits, 2 Townsend West, Suite 9, Nashua, 262-1812, djinnspirits.com

Honorable Mention: Sea Hagg Distillery, 135 Lafayette Road, Unit 9, North Hampton, 379-2274, seahaggdistillery.com

Best Cup of Coffee

Best of the Best: True Brew Barista, 3 Bicentennial Square, Concord, 225-2776, truebrewbarista.com

Best of Concord: White Mountain Gourmet Coffee, 15 Pleasant St., Concord, 228-3317, whitemountaingourmetcoffee.com

Best of Manchester: The Grind Rail Trail Cafe, 16 Manning St., Suite 102, Derry, 247-4506, thegrindnh.com

Best of Nashua: A&E Custom Coffee Roastery, 135 Route 101A, Amherst, 578-3338, aeroastery.com

Best Restaurant Wine List

Best of the Best: UnWine'd, 865 Second St., Manchester, 625-9463, unwined.net

Best of Concord: O Steaks and Seafood, 11 S. Main St., Concord, 856-7925, magicfoodsrestaurantgroup.com/osteaks

Best of Manchester: Cask & Vine, 1½ E Broadway, Derry, 965-3454, caskandvine.com

Best of Nashua: MT's Local Kitchen & Wine Bar, 212 Main St., Nashua, 595-9334, mtslocal.com

Best Wine Shop

Best of the Best: WineNot Boutique, 170



Main St., Nashua, 204-5569, winenotboutique.com

Best of Concord: Wellington's Marketplace, 124 N Main St., 715-1191, wellingtonsmarketplace.com

Best of Manchester: The Drinkery, 2 Young Road, Londonderry, 434-1012, the-drinkeryshop.com

Best of Nashua: LaBelle Winery, 345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labellewinerynh.com

Best NH Winery

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Runner-up: Zorvino Vineyards, 226 Main St., Sandown, 887-8463, zorvino.com

Honorable Mention: Flag Hill, 297 N. River Road, Lee, 659-2949, flaghill.com

MORE FAVORITE EATERIES

Best Asian Food

Best of the Best: Lilac Blossom, 385 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua, 888-9588 (Sky Meadow); 650 Amherst St., Nashua, 886-8420 (Amherst Street), lilacblossom-restaurant.com

Best of Concord: Siam Orchid Thai Bistro, 12 N. Main St., Concord, 228-1529, siamorchid.net

Best of Manchester: Chen's Garden Chinese & Japanese Cuisine, 956 Second St., Manchester, 836-5608, chensgardennh.com

Best of Nashua: You You Japanese Bistro, 150 Broad St., Suite 4, Nashua, 882-8337, youyoubistro.com

Best Diner

Best of the Best: Red Arrow Diner, 61 Lowell St., Manchester, 626-1118, redar-rowdiner.com

Best of Concord: Tilt'n Diner, 61 Laco-nia Road, Tilton, 286-2204, thecman.com

Best of Manchester: Airport Diner, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester, 623-5040, thec-man.com

Best of Nashua: Red Arrow Diner, 63 Union Square, Milford, 249-9222, redar-rowdiner.com

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Best of Manchester: Piccola Italia Ristorante, 815 Elm St., Manchester, 606-5100, piccolaitalianh.com

Best of Nashua: Cucina Toscana, Amherst Street Mall, 427 Amherst St., Nashua, 821-7356, cucinatoscana-nashua.com

Best Mexican/Latin American Restaurant

Best of the Best: La Carreta, 1875 S. Willow St., Manchester, 623-7705; 545 Daniel Webster Hwy, Manchester, 628-6899, lacarretamex.com

Best of Concord: Hermanos Cocina Mexicana, 11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com

Best of Manchester: La Carreta, 35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, Derry, 421-0091, lacarretamex.com

Best of Nashua: La Carreta, 139 Daniel Webster Hwy, Nashua, 891-0055, lacarretamex.com

Best Restaurant for Kids

Best of the Best: The Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com

Best of Concord: Dos Amigos Burritos, 26 N. Main St., Concord, 410-4161, dosamigosburritos.com

Best of Manchester: Tucker's, 1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 206-5757, tuckersnh.com

Best of Nashua: Tiebreakers Family Grille, 50 Emerson Road, Milford, 673-7123, hampshirehills.com

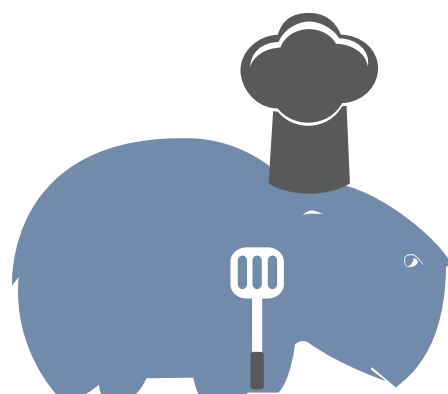
Best Seafood Restaurant

Best of the Best: Surf Restaurant, 207 Main St., Nashua, 595-9293, surfseafood.com

Best of Concord: Newick's Lobster House, 317 Loudon Road, Concord, 225-2424, newicks.com

Best of Manchester: Hooked Seafood Restaurant, 110 Hanover St., Manchester, 606-1189, hookedonignite.com

Best of Nashua: The Lobster Boat Restaurant, 453 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, 424-5221, lobsterboatrestaurant.com



Best of the Best: Hanover Street Chophouse, 149 Hanover St., Manchester, 644-2467, hanoverstreetchophouse.com

Best of Concord: O Steaks & Seafood, 11 S. Main St., Concord, 856-7925, magic-foodsrestaurantgroup.com

Best of Manchester: The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery, 58 Route 27, Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com

Best of Nashua: Buckley's Great Steaks, 438 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com

FOOD PERSONALITIES

Best Bartender

Best of the Best: Jack Wholey of Republic Cafe, 1069 Elm St., Manchester, 666-3723, republiccafe.com

Best of Concord: Corey Garland of The Barley House, 132 N. Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

Best of Manchester: Pat Graham of Romanos Pizza of Litchfield, 27 Colby Road, Litchfield, 424-0500, romanosnh.com

Best of Nashua: Dave Bourgault of Tiebreakers Family Grille, Hampshire Hills, 50 Emerson Road, Milford, 673-7123, hampshirehills.com

Best Chef

Best of the Best: Ed Aloise of Republic Cafe, 1069 Elm St., Manchester, 666-3723, republiccafe.com

Best of Concord: Corey Fletcher of Granite Restaurant & Bar, 96 Pleasant St., Concord, 227-9005, graniterestaurant.com

Best of Manchester: George Craft of Cask & Vine, 1½ East Broadway, Derry, 965-3454, caskandvine.com

Best of Nashua: Chris Noble of bluAqua Restaurant & Bar, Salzburg Square, 292 Route 101, Amherst, 673-4321

Best Waiter/Waitress

Best of the Best: Sarah Barnes of The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery, 58 Route 27, Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com

Best of Concord: Barb Avery of Hermanos Cocina Mexicana, 11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com

Best of Manchester: Joanie Schneller of Cask & Vine, 1½ East Broadway, Derry, 965-3454, caskandvine.com

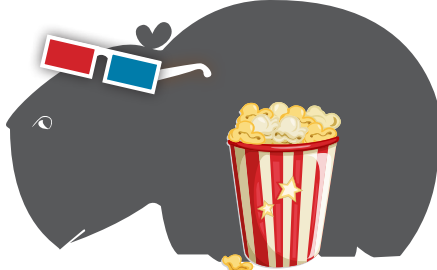
Best of Nashua: Bastian DiCaprio of San Francisco Kitchen, 133 Main St., Nashua, 886-8833, sfkitchen.com

Favorite Farmer

Best of the Best: David Orde of Lull Farm, 65 Broad St., Route 130, Hollis, 465-7079, livefreeandfarm.com

Best of Concord: Jane Presby of Dimond

Farm, 314 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 496-8218, dimondhillfarm.com
Best of Manchester: "Farmer Phil" Ferdinando of J & F Farms, 120 Chester Road, Derry, 437-0535, jandffarms.net
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Best Local Radio Show

Best: *Greg and the Morning Buzz*, 100.3 WHEB/Rock 101 FM, airs weekdays from 5:30 to 10 a.m., hosted by Greg Kretschmar, wheb.com

Runner-up: *New Hampshire in the Morning*, 95.7 WZID, airs weekdays from 5 to 10 a.m., hosted by Tracy Caruso and Neil White, wzid.com

Honorable Mention: *The Exchange*, New Hampshire Public Radio, NHPR, 89.1 FM Concord/Manchester, 88.3 FM Nashua, airs weekdays from 9 to 10 a.m., hosted by Laura Knoy, nhpr.org

Best Radio Station

Best: 95.7 FM WZID, today's variety, wzid.com

Runner-up: Rock 101, 101.1 FM WGIR, Manchester's rock station, rock101fm.com

Honorable Mention: New Hampshire Public Radio, NHPR, airs news on various stations around the state including 89.1 FM Concord/Manchester and 88.3 FM Nashua. Visit nhpr.org.

Best Locally Produced TV Show

Best: *New Hampshire Chronicle*, WMUR, airs weeknights at 7 p.m., hosted by Sean McDonald, Erin Fehlau and Fritz Wetherbee. This show profiles New Hampshire people, places and events. Visit wmur.com/new-hampshire-chronicle.

Runner-up: *Manchestertam*, TV 23, Public Access, visit manchestertv.org for air times.

Honorable Mention: *Windows to the Wild*, NHPTV, airs Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., hosted by Will Lange, features outdoor adventures and scenes across New Hampshire. Visit nhptv.org.

Best Local Movie Theater

Best: Red River Theatres, 11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org

Runner-up: Chunky's Cinema Pub, 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua, 880-8055, chunkys.com

Honorable Mention: Wilton Town Hall Theatre, 40 Main St., Wilton, 654-3456, wiltontownhalltheatre.com

Best Bookstore/Comic Book Store

Best: Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com

Runner-up: MainStreet BookEnds, 16 E. Main St., Warner, 456-2700, mainstreet-bookends.com

Honorable Mention: Double Midnight Comics, 245 Maple St., Manchester, 669-9636, and 67 S. Main St., Concord, 715-2683, dmcomics.com

Best Local NH Sports Team

Best: Manchester Monarchs, the minor-league affiliate of the NHL's L.A. Kings. The Monarchs home ice is at the Verizon Wireless Arena in downtown Manchester. Visit manchestermonarchs.com.

Runner-up: New Hampshire Fisher Cats, the Manchester-based AA affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team. The 2015 season home opener is on Thursday, April 9. Visit milb.com.

Honorable Mention: University of New Hampshire Wildcats Men's Hockey team, unhwildcats.com

THE ENTERTAINERS

Best Local Band

Best: Dusty Gray, Concord-based rock band, dustygray.com, next show is Friday, March 27, 9 p.m., at Penuches in Concord

Runner-up: Small Town Stranded, Milford-based rock band, facebook.com/SmallTownStranded, next show is Saturday, May 16, 9 p.m., at the Jade Dragon in Merrimack

Honorable Mention: Soundtrack to Monday, Manchester-based rock band, soundtracktomonday.com, next show is Saturday, March 28, 9 p.m., at Classic's Pub in Leominster, Mass.

Best Local Solo Performer

Best: Brad Bosse, Milford-based acoustic/rock artist, facebook.com/BradBosseMusic, next show is Friday, March 27, 6 p.m., at Hampshire Hills in Milford

Runner-up: Josh Logan, Manchester-based pop/R&B artist, joshlogan.net, next show is Friday, March 27, 8 p.m., at Drynk in Manchester

Honorable Mention: Tristan Omand, Manchester-based Americana artist, tristanomand.com, next show is Saturday, April 11, 9 p.m., at Chit Chat Lounge in Haverhill, Mass.

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Best Local Comedy

Best: Nick Lavalley, theotherdude.com, next local show is Saturday, April 18, 8:30 p.m., at Headliners Comedy Club in Manchester

Runner-up: Juston McKinney, justonmckinney.com, next local show is Saturday, June 20, at the Rochester Opera House in Rochester

Honorable Mention: Paul Landwehr, paulscomedy.tumblr.com, next local show is Friday, April 17, at Headliners Comedy Club in Manchester

Best Living NH Poet

Best: Donald Hall, named 14th US Poet Laureate from 2006 to 2007, currently resides in Wilmet, most recent book of poetry is called *The Back Chamber* (2011)

Runner-up: D. Quincy Whitney of Nashua (quincywhitney.com) is a poet, author and former Boston Globe arts journalist. Her most recent work includes a biography about violin maker Carleen Maley Hutchins (set to print in 2016) and an unpublished memoir, which includes 25 poems.

Honorable Mention: Charles Simic, named the 15th US Poet Laureate from 2007 to 2008, received the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1990 for his poem *The World Doesn't End*, currently resides in Strafford, most recent book of poetry is *New and Selected Poems: 1962-2012* (2013)

Best Local Radio Show Host

Best: Greg Kretschmar from *The Morning Buzz*, 100.3 WHEB/Rock 101 FM, webh.com

Runner-up: Laura Knoy from *The Exchange*, New Hampshire Public Radio, NHPR, 89.1 FM Concord/Manchester, 88.3 FM Nashua, nhpr.org

Honorable Mention: Nazy, formerly of 105.5 WJYY, wjyy.nh1media.com, now the *Morning Wake Up* host for 98.3 WLNH.

HAPPENINGS & DESTINATIONS

Best Community Event

Best of the Best: Market Days Festival (happening this year June 25 to June 27), featuring food, shopping and free entertainment each summer in downtown Concord, hosted by Intown Concord, intownconcord.org.

Best of Concord: Black Ice Pond Hockey, a three-day pond hockey competition in January at White Park in Concord, blackicepondhockey.com

Best of Manchester: Hippo de Mayo Taco Tour, a Cinco de Mayo celebration in downtown Manchester where 40+ restaurants create and sell their own tacos for \$2 each, hippodemayo.com. This year's event is happening Thursday, May 7, 4 to 9 p.m.

Best of Nashua: Winter Holiday Stroll in downtown Nashua, features music, food,



shopping, live entertainment and a candlelight stroll, organized by Great American Downtown Nashua, downtownnashua.org. This year's will be Saturday, Nov. 28, from 5 to 10 p.m.

Best Food Festival

Best of the Best: Hampton Beach Seafood Festival in Hampton, features three days of food, shopping, live music, fireworks and the Lobster Roll Eating Competition. This year's festival is Sept. 11 through Sept. 13. Visit hamptonbeachseafoodfestival.com.

Best of Concord: Market Days Festival, featuring food, shopping and free entertainment each summer in downtown Concord, hosted by Intown Concord. This year's festival is June 25 through June 27. Visit intownconcord.org.

Best of Manchester: Glendi, a three-day Greek food and culture festival held each September at St. George Orthodox Cathedral (650 Hanover St., Manchester). This year's festival is Sept. 18 through Sept. 20. Visit saintgeorgeglendi.com.

Best of Nashua: Rock'n Ribfest, held each summer at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery (221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack), features barbecue, music and entertainment. This year's festival is June 19 through June 21. Visit ribfestnh.com.

Best Place to Take Your Kids

Best of the Best: Cowabunga's, New Hampshire's largest indoor inflatable playground, 1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 625-8008, mycowabungas.com

Best of Concord: Crazy Kids, indoor play and party center, 60 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, 228-7529, crazykids.com

Best of Manchester: SEE Science Center, 200 Bedford St., Manchester, 669-0400, see-sciencecenter.org

Best of Nashua: Benson Park, features forest trails, a playground and a small animal farm, 27 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, 886-6000, hudsonnh.gov/boards/bensons

Best Place to Take Your Kids on a Rainy/Snowy Day

Best of the Best: Cowabunga's, New Hampshire's largest indoor inflatable playground, 1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 625-8008, mycowabungas.com

Best of Concord: Krazy Kids, indoor play and party center, 60 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, 228-7529, krazykids.com

Best of Manchester: SEE Science Center, 200 Bedford St., Manchester, 669-0400, see-sciencecenter.org

Best of Nashua: Nuthin' But Good Times, play center, 746 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 429-2200, nuthinbutgoodtimes.com

Best Place to Take Visiting Relatives

Best of the Best: Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org

Best of Concord: Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, 783-9511, shakers.org

Best of Manchester: Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials, 452 Mountain Road, Goffstown, 497-3975, uncanoonucmt.com

Best of Nashua: Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tours, 221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 595-1202, budweisertours.com

PET FRIENDLY

Best Pet Store

Best of the Best: WoofMeow Family Pet Center, 19A Manchester Road, Derry, 965-3218, woofmeownh.com

Best of Concord: Sandy's Pet Food Center, 141 Old Turnpike Road, Concord, 225-1177, sandyspetfood.com

Best of Manchester: Bill's Pet & Aquarium, 893 Hanover St., Manchester, 626-3646, billpetstore.com

Best of Nashua: America's Pets, 142 Lowell Road, No. 10, Hudson, 881-9247, americaspetsnh.com

Best Doggie Day Care

Best of the Best: The Barking Dog, 208 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, 222-2275, thebarkindog.com

Best of Concord: Paws on Pine, 913 Pine St., Contoocook, 568-4022, pawson-pinenh.com

Best of Manchester: All Dogs Gym & Inn, 505 Sheffield Road, Manchester, 669-4644, alldogsgym.com

Best of Nashua: American K9 Country, 336 Route 101, Amherst, 672-8448, americank9country.com

Best Place to Walk Your Dog

Best of the Best: Benson Park includes a fenced-in dog park and about 4 miles of trails for leashed dog-walking. 27 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, 886-6000, hudsonnh.gov/boards/benson

Best of Concord: White Park features some walking trails and stays open from dawn till dusk. 1 White St., Concord, 225-8690, concordnh.gov

Best of Manchester: Livingston Park has

a walking trail that circles Dorris Pond. Off Hooksett Road, Manchester, 624-6444, manchesternh.gov

Best of Nashua: Mine Falls Park features 325 acres of forests and open fields enclosed by the Nashua River and a man-made canal. Whipple Street, Nashua, 589-3400 ext. 5005, gonashua.com

NIGHTLIFE

Best Bar for Live Music

Best of the Best: The Shaskeen (Every night at 8 p.m. or 9 p.m.; open mic is every Monday at 9:30 p.m.), 909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, theshaskeenpub.com

Best of Concord: True Brew Barista (open mic is every Thursday and they usually have shows Friday and Saturday nights around 8 p.m.), 3 Bicentennial Square, Concord, 225-2776, truebrewbarista.com

Best of Manchester: The Derryfield (Fridays and Saturdays at 9:30 p.m.), 625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com

Best of Nashua: The Peddler's Daughter (Fridays and Saturdays at 9:30 p.m.), 48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com

Best Bar with an Outdoor Deck

Best of the Best: The Derryfield deck typically opens mid-April, 625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com

Best of Concord: The Draft Sports Bar & Grill deck typically opens mid-April, 67 S. Main St., Concord, 227-1175, draftsportsbar.com

Best of Manchester: Murphy's Taproom deck typically opens mid-April, 494 Elm St., Manchester, 644-3535, murphystaproom.net

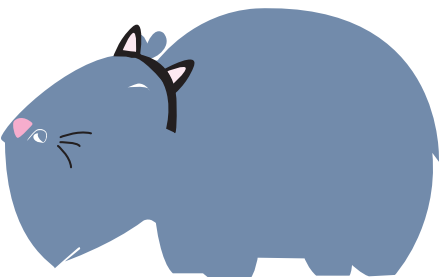
Best of Nashua: Pasta Loft Restaurant deck opens on a case-by-case basis when it's warm enough, 241 Union Square, Milford, 672-2270, pastaloft.com

Best Sports Bar

Best of the Best: Billy's Sports Bar & Grill, 34 Tarrytown Road, Manchester, 622-3644, billyssportsbar.com

Best of Concord: The Draft Sports Bar & Grill, 67 S. Main St., Concord, 227-1175, draftsportsbar.com

Best of Manchester: JW Hill's Sports Bar & Grill, 795 Elm St., Manchester, 645-7422, jwhills.com



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Best Pub Trivia Night

Best of the Best: The Shaskeen (Mondays
at 7:30 p.m.), 909 Elm St., Manchester,
625-0246, theshaskeenpub.com

Best of Concord: The Barley House
(Wednesdays at 8 p.m.), 132 N. Main St.,
Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

Best of Manchester: The Farm Bar and
Grille (Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.), 1181
Elm St., Manchester, 641-3276, farmbar-
grille.com

Best of Nashua: Fody's Great American
Tavern (Wednesdays at 8 p.m.), 9 Clinton
St., Nashua, 577-9015, fodystavern.com

Best Karaoke Night

Best of the Best: Yee Dynasty (Every night
from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.), 830 S. Willow St.,
Manchester, 625-5500, yeedyndynasty.com

Best of Concord: Szechuan Gardens Chi-
nese Restaurant (Fridays and Saturdays
from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.), 108 Fisherville
Road, Concord, 226-2650, szechuangar-
dennh.com

Best of Manchester: McGarvey's (every
night except Monday at 9 p.m.), 1097 Elm
St., Manchester, 627-2721, mcgarveysnh.
com

Best of Nashua: Grand Buffet (Fridays
and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.), 350
Amherst St., Nashua, 881-9799, 350grand-
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Best Comedy Night

Best of the Best: The Shaskeen (Wednes-
days at 9 p.m.), 909 Elm St., Manchester,
625-0246, theshaskeenpub.com

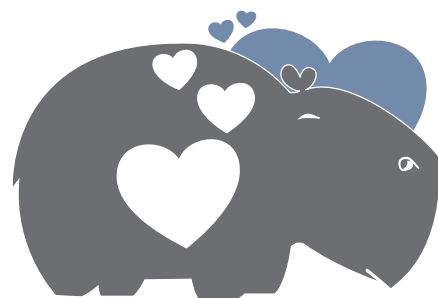
Best of Concord: Penuche's (Mondays
at 9 p.m.), 16 Bicentennial Square, Con-
cord, 228-9833, facebook.com/penuches.
concord

Best of Manchester: Headliner's Come-
dy Club (every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the
Radisson), 700 Elm St., Manchester, 800-
923-0879, headlinerscomedyclub.com

Best of Nashua: Arena Sports Bar &
Nightclub (call or visit website for dates
and times), 53 High St., Nashua, 881-9060,
arenanh.com

Best Pick-Up Spot

Best: The Derryfield, 625 Mammoth Road,
Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com



Runner-up: Drynk, 20 Old Granite St.,
Manchester, 836-5251, drynknh.com

Honorable Mention: Strange Brew Tav-
ern, 88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292,
strangebrewtavern.net

Best Date Place

Best of the Best: Mint Bistro, 1105 Elm
St., Manchester, 625-6468, mintbistronh.
com

Best of Concord: Red River Theatres, 11
S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redriver-
theatres.com

Best of Manchester: Firefly, 22 Concord
St., Manchester, 935-9740, fireflynh.com

Best of Nashua: Stella Blu, 40 E. Pearl St.,
Nashua, 578-5557, stellablunh.com

OUTDOORS

Best Local Hiking Trail

Best of the Best: Mine Falls Park fea-
tures 325 acres of forests and open fields
enclosed by the Nashua River and a man-
made canal. Whipple Street, Nashua,
589-3400 ext. 5005, gonashua.com

Best of Concord: Mt. Kearsarge has four
marked trails including one that leads you
to its 2,937-foot peak. Can be reached by
way of Kearsarge Mountain Road, Warner,
456-8808, nhstateparks.org

Best of Manchester: Lake Massabesic
offers a four-mile trail loop for all skill
levels. Off the Londonderry Turnpike,
Manchester, 624-6444, manchesternh.gov

Best of Nashua: Beaver Brook features
35 miles of trails and can be accessed by
several public roads in Hollis. 465-7787,
beaverbrook.org

Best City Park

Best of the Best: White Park features
walking trails, a playground and sports
fields. 1 White St., Concord, 225-8690,
concordnh.gov

Best of Concord: Rollins Park has large
fields, walking trails and a picnic shelter
on Broadway in Concord, 225-8690, con-
cordnh.gov

Best of Manchester: Livingston Park has
a walking trail that circles Dorrs Pond. Off
Hooksett Road, Manchester, 624-6444,
manchesternh.gov

Best of Nashua: Greeley Park occupies
125 acres in the heart of the city. Locat-
ed at 100 Concord St., Nashua, 589-3370,
nashuanh.gov

Best State Park

Best: Pawtuckaway State Park offers a
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Best Sledding Hill

Best of the Best: The Derryfield, 625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com

Best of Concord: White Park, 1 White St., Concord, 225-8690, concordnh.gov

Best of Manchester: Alexander-Carr Park, 28 Pierce Ave., Derry, 537-9205, derry.nh.us

Best of Nashua: Roby Park, off Spit Brook Road, Nashua, 589-3400, nashuanh.gov

Best Local Ski Hill

Best: Pats Peak, 686 Flanders Road, Henniker, 428-3245, patspeak.com

Runner-up: McIntyre Ski Area, 50 Chalet Court, Manchester, 622-6159, mcintyreskiarea.com

Honorable Mention: Mt. Sunapee State Park, 86 Beach Access Road, Newbury, 763-5561, nhstateparks.org

Best Golf Course

Best of the Best: The Derryfield Country Club, 625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com

Best of Concord: Beaver Meadow Golf Course, 1 Beaver Meadow Drive, Concord, 228-8954, beavermeadowgolfcourse.com

Best of Manchester: Manchester Country Club, 180 S. River Road, Bedford, 624-4096, manchestercountryclub.com

Best of Nashua: Amherst Country Club, 72 Ponemah Road, Amherst, 673-9908, playamherst.com

NOTABLE LOCALS

Best Mechanic

Best of the Best: Ralph Brutus, Brutus Auto Repair & Service, 148 Merrimack St., Manchester, 624-8881, brutusauto.com

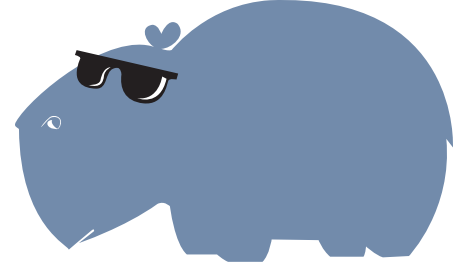
Best of Concord: Hank Szelog, Henniker Motors, 118 Foster Hill Road, Henniker, 428-4407

Best of Manchester: Mike Perry, Black Widow Customs, 51 Kosciuszko St., Manchester, 624-0400, blackwidowcustoms.com

Best of Nashua: Wes DeLoid, Charlie's Auto Service, 106 Route 101A, Amherst, 883-2376, charliesnh.com

Best Teacher

Best of the Best: Selma Nacciah-Hoff, English, Central High School, Manchester



Best of Concord: Brenda Joel, first grade, St. John's Regional School, Concord

Best of Manchester: Sarah Wadleigh, English, Central High School, Manchester

Best of Nashua: Nick Cardamone, Special Education, Reeds Ferry School, Merrimack

OTHER STUFF

Coollest-looking Building

Best of the Best: New Hampshire Statehouse, 107 N. Main St., Concord, 271-1110, nh.gov (It houses the New Hampshire General Court, governor and Executive Council, and was built between 1816 and 1819 under a design by architect Stuart Park.)

Best of Concord: Gasholder House, South Main St., Concord (Measuring 86 feet in diameter, 80 feet high, it was constructed in 1888 to hold up to 125,000 cubic feet of gas. It was used until 1952 and remains to be the only enclosed gas-holder house still intact in the United States, according to the New Hampshire Historical Society.)

Best of Manchester: New Hampshire Institute of Art, Lowell Street Building, 88 Lowell St., Manchester (Under architect Dennis Mires, the building was renovated in 2009 and provides academic and residential space.)

Best of Nashua: Hunt Building, 6 Main St., Nashua (Built in 1903, it's the former library of Nashua and is now owned by the city and available to rent for functions. Theater, art and community events are all held here.)

Best thing about living in NH

Best: The four seasons

Runner-up: Natural beauty

Honorable mention: No sales or income tax

Best Thing We Forgot to Ask About

Best: Best Garden Center: Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials

Runner-up: Best Dance Studio: Dimensions in Dance

Honorable mention: Best General Store: Mont Vernon General Store



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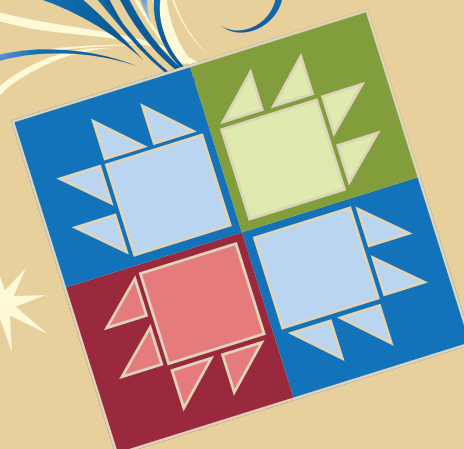
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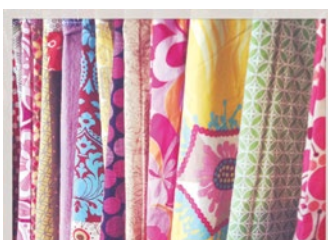
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Thursday, March 26

There are still a few days left to hit a New Hampshire restaurant for a special multi-course dinner (priced at \$15 to \$35-plus, depending on the restaurant) or lunch (priced at \$10 to \$25) as part of **Restaurant Week New Hampshire**, which runs through Friday, March 27. See restaurantweeknh.com or see our story in last week's paper. Go to hippopress.com and click on the current issue of the paper, then click on the calendar icon on the bottom left to find the March 19 issue. The story is on page 34.

Eat: Chocolate (and not just for dessert)
Chef Liz Barbour will lead a presentation about how to **cook with chocolate** in a variety of dishes on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m., at the Amherst Town Library (14 Main St. in Amherst, amherstlibrary.org). Call 673-2288 to register.



Friday, March 27

Start dreaming of summer camping trips at the **Camping and RV Show**, which runs today (from 1 to 8 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and Sunday, March 29 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the NH Sportsplex (68 Technology Drive in Bedford). Learn about RVs, trailers, pop-up campers and other camping equipment as well as more than 50 campgrounds from around New England. Tickets costs \$10 for adults (admission is free for ages 15 and under). See ucampnh.com.

Saturday, March 28

Today is the final day to shop at the **March Marché**, held by the Granite State Arts Market Saturdays in March at True Brew Barista (3 Bicentennial Square in Concord) from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Check out the goods (such as jewelry, handbags, clothing and fine art) made by about a dozen area artists. See granitestateartsmarket.com or see our story by going to hippopress.com and clicking on the current issue. Click on the calendar icon on the bottom left to find the March 5 issue; the story is on page 24.

Saturday, March 28

Enjoy the music of two great American songwriters at **"S'Wonderful & De-Lovely: An Evening of George Gershwin & Cole Porter"** with the Capitol Jazz Orchestra Small Group and singer Cat Faulkner (pictured) tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Concord Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord). Tickets cost \$25 to \$35. Buy tickets through the Capitol Center for the Arts by visiting ccanh.com or calling 225-1111.

Drink: Whiskey with your dinner

The Peddler's Daughter (48 Main St. in Nashua) will host a four-course **Jameson Irish Whiskey Dinner** on Monday, March 30, at 6 p.m. Each course (including duck confit, roasted pork belly and a seasonal fruit crumble) will be paired with a whiskey. The cost is \$55 per person. Call 821-7535 to register. Visit facebook.com/peddlersnashua for full menu.

Be Merry: At the Parade!

Manchester's annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade** is Sunday, March 29, on Elm Street in downtown Manchester. The parade kicks off at noon, rain or shine, and runs from Salmon to Central streets. See saintpatsnh.com for all the details or see our story in the March 12 issue. Go to hippopress.com and click on the current issue of the paper, then click on the calendar icon on the bottom left to find the March 12 issue. The story is on page 16.

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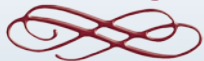


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Photorealism pioneer

Currier features Richard Estes

By Kelly Sennott
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If there's one artist missing in the Yale University Art Gallery's traveling exhibition, "Still Life: 1970s Photorealism," it's Richard Estes — in the opinion of Currier Museum of Art curators, anyway.

On view at the museum now through May, the Yale show transports viewers back to days of muscle cars and road-side diners through 37 photorealistic print, oil and sculptural pieces. But for Currier curators, there was a clear gap. Estes, an important artist in this movement, was nowhere to be seen.

"Richard Estes is really a pioneer in photorealism," said Currier Museum of Art curator Kurt Sundstrom during a gallery walk-through. "It was very weird that they didn't have an Estes in the show."

So, shortly after the "Still Life" opening, museum curators created a complementary exhibition alongside it: "Painterly to Precise: Richard Estes at the Currier," which is



"Baby Doll Lounge" (1973) by Richard Estes.

on view now through June 15.

The stars in this small show are the museum's two newest acquisitions by the artist — "Baby Doll Lounge" (1978), a painting of a TriBeCa street scene, and "Qualicraft Shoes (The Chinese Lady)" (1974), a screenprint of a storefront. As with all the "Still Life" paintings, looking at them is like stepping back in time. (And if you look really closely, you'll find treats, like in "Baby Doll Lounge," which has a car whose license plate displays Estes' name and the month in which he painted it.)

Estes, now 82, used photos like sketch-

books — he'd take hundreds and then use those images to construct a composition. A great deal of thought went into every detail.

"If you think about it, when you look at something like this," Sundstrom said, gesturing to "Baby Doll Lounge," "there's so much information. You couldn't possibly sit on the street and sketch everything out. He's trying to capture a moment. ... There's a lot of artistic thought that goes on. It's not a rote copying of the image."

And even though they're realistic depictions, you'll notice things you won't in real life. Reflections, for instance.

"He talks about how the eye can only focus on one thing — either it's the reflection or it's the interior of the building. But he says that in photography or in painting, you can do both," Sundstrom said, pointing to "Qualicraft Shoes (The Chinese Lady)," which depicts two storefronts whose windows display not only what's behind the window, but also what's behind the viewer.

Also in the show are sketches and older paintings that show Estes' artistic development. Sketches line the walls and demonstrate his favor of realism over the more dominant 1970s art trends — abstraction, pop and minimalism. The earliest — "Reclining Man" and "Reclining Figure in White Leotard" and "Figures on a Bench" — contain figures, but eventually, in order to place more emphasis on the space, light and architecture of the cities he was painting, he'd remove them in later years.

"Estes has put figures in his recent work, but he says that if you can see a figure in a painting, the viewer often identifies with that person. What is that person doing on the street? Is he or she going shopping? Out to eat? To meet friends?" Sundstrom said. "You separate yourself from the object more."

Estes is a Maine artist — another reason museum curators felt so strongly about his inclusion — and Sundstrom hopes to try to get him to visit the museum before the show's close. 🍷

See "Richard Estes: Painterly to Precise"

Where: Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester

When: On view now through June 15

Admission: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$9 students, \$5 youth, free for members/children younger than 13

Contact: currier.org, 669-6144

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Events

- **NIKKI'S DREAM SILENT AUCTION** "Toast the Dream" silent auction, includes food, drinks, raffles, auction items, improv, music. Thurs., March 26, 6-9 p.m. Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester. Tickets \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Visit nikkisdream.com.
- **PECHAKUCHA NIGHT PORTSMOUTH** Nine presenters show 20 images, 20 seconds each, about projects they're working on. Thurs., March 26, at 7:30 p.m. 3S Artspace, 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth. Free. Call 207-701-1666, visit 3Sarts.org, facebook.com/PechaKucha-NightPortsmouth.
- **MARCH MARCHE** Indoor artisans market. Featuring a variety of handmade items, from locally-produced legwarmers

and tea towels to jewelry and furniture. Saturdays, March 7 through the end of the month, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. True Brew Barista, 3 Bicentennial Square, Concord. Free. Visit granitestateartsmarket.com, kbsolsky@granitestateartsmarket.com, 229-2157.

• **GOOD NEIGHBOR SERIES** A series of cultural programs in the Sharon Arts Center exhibition gallery. The series will feature presentations by professional artists. First and third Saturdays of the month, 7-9:30 p.m. Sharon Arts Center, 30 Grove St., Peterborough. Free. Call 924-7676. sharonarts.org.

• **APPRAISALS AND ASSESSMENT DAY** Community brings paintings and prints to have appraised by Cory Barbis (Barbis Fine Art Restoration), Linda Donovan (Conservation of Paintings), Martha

Richardson (Richardson Fine Art of Boston). Fri., April 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord. Free. Call 225-2515, email

• **PICKER ART GALLERY** An open studio/meet the artists day. Open first Sat. of the month, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Picker Building, 99 Factory St. Extension, Nashua. Free. Call 305-6256.

Openings

• **"LULLY SCHWARTZ: PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS, A MID-CAREER RETROSPECTIVE"** Exhibition of paintings and drawings from late 1990s until 2015. On view through April 17. Reception/lecture Thurs., March 26, 5-7 p.m. Great Bay Community College, 320 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth. Free. Call 427-7641, email lproulx@ccsnh.edu.

• **"A NEW PATH: PRISON FURNITURE MAKING PROGRAM"** Exhibition of works by inmates participating in the Furniture Masters' Prison Outreach Program. On view now through June 8. Reception Fri., March 27, 5-7 p.m. Smile Building, Furniture Masters Gallery, 49 Main St., Concord. Free. Visit furnituremasters.org, call 566-6368.

• **"IMAGINING THE UNIVERSE"** Art exhibition with art by Bruce Campbell, Mark Johnson and Shaio-Ping Wang. On view March 31 through April 24. Reception Fri., April 3, 5-7 p.m. McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord. Visit mcgowanfineart.com.

• **MICHAELA SHEEHAN** Art exhibition, drawings. On view through April. Reception Sat., April 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry

Road, Hudson. Free. Visit rogerslibrary.org, call 886-6030.

• **"EVERY PAINTING HAS A STORY"** Exhibition with oil paintings by Dee Lessard and Priscilla Memole. On view March 31 through April 25. Reception Sat., April 11, 2-4 p.m. East Colony Fine Art, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester. Free. Visit eastcolony.com, call 801-0703.

In the Galleries

• **"JOHN BONNER: CROWD SOURCE"** Exhibition featuring recent paintings by John Bonner, showcases gathering places of contemporary society. On view Feb. 27 through March 27. McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord. Free. Visit mcgowanfineart.com, call 225-2515.

• **JEANNIE GRIFFIN-PETERKA: PAINTINGS**

Exhibition with work by Portsmouth-based painter. On view now through March 30. Drift Gallery, 16 Market Square, Portsmouth. Call 379-6560, email art@drift-gallery.com.

• **NASHUA'S ANNUAL YOUTH ART MONTH CELEBRATION** Art exhibition with student work. On view March 2 through March 31. Nashua High School South, 36 Riverside St., Nashua. Free.

• **"FLYING COLORS"** Art exhibition featuring bird paintings by John Sweeney and Susanna Ries. On view Feb. 24 through March 28. East Colony Fine Art, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester. Free. Visit eastcolony.com, call 621-7400.

• **"A SENSE OF PLACE: EXPLORING NEW ENGLAND WITH JOHN BENFORD"** Exhibition featuring John Benford's photographic

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• **Bird sculptures:** Want to learn how to make a bird out of wood? Wildlife master wood carver Bob Schwinger holds an eight-week workshop to benefit the New Hampshire Audubon at his Concord studio Thursdays, April 2 through May 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. (\$140 for an eight-week class). The cost of materials is not included in the tuition, and participants will need to purchase a carving knife and safety glove (which you can get online or directly from Schwinger). The workshop is open to all, no experience necessary, as Swinger will individually tailor the projects to suit all. At the end of each workshop, participants will leave with new skills and one or two carvings. All proceeds go to the Audubon; call 496-4631, email 1974schwinger@gmail.com or visit nhaudubon.org.

• **Prison outreach:** The New Hampshire Furniture Masters present "A New Path: Prison Furniture Making Program," an exhibition of works by inmates participating in the Furniture Masters' Prison Outreach Program, on view now through June 8 at the masters' gallery 49 S. Main St., Concord. The program was founded in 1999, and today, approximately 12 to 15 inmates participate, and many more are on the waiting list. (Only those who have maintained exemplary disciplinary records are admitted.) There's a reception Friday, March 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. Visit furniture-masters.org.

• **Pigs:** During the month of April, the Red River Theatres lobby (11 S. Main St.,



Bob Schwinger holds a bird wood carving workshop to benefit the New Hampshire Audubon this April and May. Courtesy photo.

Concord) will be overtaken by pigs. Specifically, satirical pigs. Alton resident Duane Hammond, creator of "Pigs in a Poke," has decorated the theater with humorous and satirical paintings of pigs engaged in human activities and situations. The exhibition, "Wine & Swine," is on view through the end of the month, free to view, and contains more than 160 of his original paintings. There's a reception Saturday, April 4, from 2 to 5 p.m. Call 569-3745.

• **PechaKucha Night Portsmouth:** PechaKucha Night Portsmouth celebrates its 21st event in the newly opened 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, 3Sarts.org) this Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.). If you've never been to a PechaKucha Night, it works like this: presenters talk about projects of all topics (photography, fine art, writing, farming, education, etc.) accompanied by 20 gigantic slides, 20 seconds per slide. PechaKucha Night is an international phenom that takes place in more than 800 cities worldwide. The presentation style was developed in Japan in 2003 among enterprising young designers. Visit nhpkn.com or facebook.com/pechakichanightportsmouth. — *Kelly Sennott*

works. On view through March. Seacoast Artist Association Gallery, 225 Water St., Exeter. Free. Visit seacoastartist.org.

• **"LIGHTING OUT FOR TERRITORY"** Exhibition of work by Paul Pollaro, Martin Mugar, Susan Carr, Addison Parks, Jason Travers. On view through April 30. Kimball Jenkins School of Art, 266 N. Main St., Concord. Free. Call 225-3932.

• **"ART FROM THE ATTIC"** Exhibition on view at NH Art Association Gallery, part of year-long 75th anniversary celebration. On view through March 28. Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, 136 State St., Portsmouth. Free. Call 431-4230, email nhar-tassociation@gmail.com.

• **MARSI VAN DER HEUVEL: "DARK MATTER DRAWINGS"** Exhibition, pen and ink with space themes, of artist who works in Cape Town, South Africa. On through April

4. Carnegie Gallery, Rochester Public Library, 65 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. Visit rochestertermfa.org.

• **"ARE YOU REALLY MY FRIEND?"** Exhibition, video installation by Tanja Hollander. On view through April 4. SNHU McNinch Art Gallery, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester. Free. Visit snhu.edu, call 629-4622, email m.gallery@snhu.edu.

• **MARIAN FEDERSPIEL** Digital painter, art exhibition, solo show. On view through April 11. Margret and H.A. Rey Center, 35 Village Road, Building C, Waterville Valley. Free. Visit mfederspiel.com.

• **"PAINTERLY TO PRECISE: RICHARD ESTES"** Focus exhibition of art by Richard Estes, meant to accompany the current "Still Life: 1970s Photorealism." On view through June 15. Carrier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Free with museum admission (\$12

for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$9 for students, \$5 for youth, free for members/kids 13 and younger). Visit currier.org.

• **"5TH DEMENSION: WORKS ON PAPER"** Collection of artwork from Alaska, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Maine, New Hampshire. On view now through April 2. Main Street Art, 75 Main St., Newfields. Free. Call 580-5835, visit mainstreetart.org.

• **ALISON HUBER JEWETT** Exhibition of paintings by the artist. On view now through April. The Provident Bank, Portsmouth, 21 Daniel St., Portsmouth. Free. Call 378-1257.

• **"SPLASH! THE ART OF PORTSMOUTH'S YOUTH PEOPLE"** Visual art students' work from Portsmouth schools. On view through April 15. Portsmouth Public Library, 175 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth. Free. Call 766-1725, email nlcloutier@cityofportsmouth.com.

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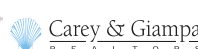
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Married couple directs, choreographs *Oklahoma!*



Olivia Brown, Sean Vigeant, Christina Higginson and Sarah Drake. Kelly Sennott photo.

By Kelly Sennott
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Joel and Laura Iwaskiewicz spend their days teaching high school, their afternoons directing *Oklahoma!* and their nights rehearsing for *Crazy for You*. They go to sleep talking about theater with one another, and they wake up doing the same.

They wouldn't have it any other way.

At the time of their interviews, they were waist-deep in placing finishing touches for Nashua High School South's take of *Oklahoma!*, which hits the stage this weekend. The largest NHSS musical in recent history, there were costume fittings to complete (plaid shirts and prairie skirts for 55 students), dances to sharpen and sets to paint. But they were totally in sync, both in vision and enthusiasm.

"I cannot fathom working with a better partner than my wife on these projects," said Joel Iwaskiewicz. "We're so like-minded. When we think about the kinds of experiences we hope to give the kids, our visions align so consistently."

The pair also directed the last two Nashua High School South spring musicals together (*Singin' in the Rain* two years ago, *Peter Pan* last year). They chose this title with fellow Nashua English teacher/producer Greg Montine, because it hadn't been

done recently in the area and because they had the kids to fill the roles. They had great actors and singers, yes, but this year's cast is also filled with fantastic dancers, perfect for the play's 13-minute-long ballet sequence.

Often times in *Oklahoma!* — the first collaboration by Rodgers and Hammerstein, in 1943 — this dance scene gets watered down, particularly in youth and community theater productions.

"But Laura has an amazing group. The girl who plays Laurey in the dream ballet is one of the best dancers I've ever seen, and she's been studying for over a decade. To watch her dance her solo onstage, you'd think it was a professional show," Joel Iwaskiewicz said.

In fact, the pair gave this dancer, senior Olivia Brown, free rein. Brown, who plans to study dance in college and currently practices about 16 hours a week, choreographed the solo herself.

"It's nice because I'm not much of a singer or an actor, but I've really loved doing the shows in the past," Brown said, stretching before a rehearsal. It was a week and a half before showtime, and she was wearing one of her costumes: a floor-length navy dress lined with lace. "Most of the time I'm at dance, so I don't have a lot of time for school things. It's really nice to be able to come in and be a part of something like this."

Some students were skeptical about *Oklahoma!* Even though it's a classic, many were unfamiliar with the plot beforehand.

One of those students was 16-year-old Christina Higginson. Once she gave the show a chance, she found *Oklahoma!* was filled with plot twists and interesting 35

See *Oklahoma!*

Where: Nashua High School South, 36 Riverside St., Nashua

When: Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 28, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 29, at 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$10

Contact: dehners@nashua.edu, 589-8597

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Notes from the theater scene

- **Nashua Chamber Orchestra gala:**

The Nashua Chamber Orchestra's fundraising gala event is this Sunday, March 29, at 3 p.m., at LaBelle Winery, 345 New Hampshire 101, Amherst. Tickets are \$30 and will include a concert, appetizers and cash bar. Featured artists include David Feltner, Mark Latham, Beth Welty and the Kaleidoscope Chamber Players, who will play music by Mozart, Cooke, Dahl and Francaix, according to a press release. There will also be auction items (handcrafted jewelry, woodworking, pottery, etc.). Call 582-5211 or visit nco-music.org.

- **Godspell opening:** The Palace Theatre

(80 Hanover St., Manchester) continues its centennial celebration this weekend with *Godspell*, the 1970s musical that tells the lessons and teachings of Jesus Christ. The play has been told in hundreds of different ways, and this time is no exception. Artistic director Carl Rajotte has planned an *Alice in Wonderland*, punk rock, fantastical version, and the only non-Palace alum in the cast is Tim Shea, who plays Judas and recently returned from a *Rock of Ages* tour. The musical runs two weeks, three weekends, starting this Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. (Other performances this weekend include Saturday, March 28, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 29, at 2

◀ 34 storylines.

“And the characters — there’s more to them than I thought there would be,” Higginson said. “*Oklahoma!* sounds like an old, not as exciting musical ... It didn’t sound like something I would have chosen to see before I knew what it was about. But now that I do, I think the plot is interesting and the music challenging.”

She plays leading lady Laurey, who is stuck between two guys — Curly and Jud — and has been working closely with Joel Iwaskiewicz to understand her character's motives, actions, flaws and attributes.

“[The Iwaskiewicz]s have this real passion,” said 17-year-old Sean Vigeant, who plays Curly. On this day, he wore his character’s red cowboy shirt and hat. “They get us engaged and excited about the show. I also think how they speak to us is different — they don’t demean, but they still keep an authority.”

The Iwaskiewicz have been either thinking or actively working on the show since last year. When this is over, they may relax for a week or so, but they'll soon need to focus on their next endeavor: *Crazy for You* with the Nashua Actorsingers



The Kaleidoscope Chamber Players. Courtesy photo.

p.m.) Tickets are \$15 to \$45; visit palace-theatre.org or call 668-5588.

• **Patsy Cline in Portsmouth:** The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St., Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org) opens a month-long production, *A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline*, this Friday, March 27, starring local Broadway alum Merrill Peiffer. The musical tells the story of “one of country music’s brightest stars,” complete with songs she made famous and a live band. Cline, who died in a 1963 plane crash, was the first female solo artist selected for the Country Music Hall of Fame and helped make Willie Nelson famous with her recording of “Crazy.” Tickets are \$22 to \$38. “Every time I’ve gotten to see Merrill perform, it feels real. That’s what she is going to bring to Patsy. Her voice is unbelievable,” Artistic Director Miles Burns said in a press release. “One of the nicest things about Patsy’s story is that she was and remains a real, feeling person. I think that’s what the audience is looking for, somebody who is like that.”

—*Kelly Sennott* 🍌

in May, in which they play romantic leads opposite one another. It won't be the first time, but it will be the first time that (spoiler alert) it works out for their characters onstage. They work hard to squeeze in as much theater as possible between day jobs — he teaches English at NHSS, she music at Pinkerton.

"We'll admit it's a little manic, but when we are involved in a creative process together, as much as it does exhaust, we also find it's so energizing," Joel Iwaskiewicz said.

Just as long as they can do it together.

“We met doing theater, so that’s always been a part of our relationship,” Laura Iwaskiewicz said. (In fact, it was during the Actorsingers’ take of *Guys and Dolls*.) “There was one fall a couple of years ago — he was doing *Batboy* in Manchester, I was in *Pirates of Penzance* in Nashua — and we’d literally pass each other on the highway. We just didn’t get to see each other as much. ... After that, we decided we would go after theatrical endeavors we could do together. And now that we’re married, it’s even more important.” 🍌

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Tickets \$13-\$39 at ccanh.com.

• **"LANDLINE"** Inaugural exhibit by NH-based artist, Carly Glovinski. On view March 20 through May 17. 3S Artspace, 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth. Visit 3sarts.org, call 766-3330.

• **"WINTER TO SPRING"** Featuring work by 36 NH, Maine, Mass. artists. On view now through May 22. The Gallery at 100 Market St., 100 Market St., Portsmouth.

• **WILLIAM PRESTON PHELPS** Art exhibition, landscapes. On view now through April. Waterhouse Restaurant and Bar, 18 Depot St., Peterborough. Call 924-4001, visit waterhousenh.com.

• **"WENDY KLEMPERER: RESTRAINT AND RELEASE"** On view at the Paul Creative Arts Center through May. Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thurs, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat, Sun, 1-5 p.m. UNH Museum of Art, 30 Academic Way, Durham. Free. Visit cola.unh.edu/moa.

• **"STILL LIFE: 1970S PHOTO-REALISM"** Collection of 1970's paintings that "look so real you feel you can walk into the canvas and back in time." Through May 3. Hours: Sun., Mon., Wed.-Fri., 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Free with cost of admission. Visit currier.org.

• **"VINEYARDS OF EUROPE: THE PAINTINGS OF THOMAS GLOVER"** Exhibition with art by Thomas Glover, NH painter, seacoast resident, a portion of which was inspired by a recent trip to Italy. On view through May 29. LaBelle Winery, 345 Route 101, Amherst. Free. Visit labellewinerynh.com, email michelle@labellewinerynh.com, call 672-9898, ext. 3.

Theater Productions

• **STEEL MAGNOLIAS** Produced by Leddy Center. Fri., March 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., March 28, at 7:30 p.m.; & Sun., March 29, at 2 p.m. Leddy Center for the Performing Arts, 38C Ladd's Lane, Epping. \$18. Visit

leddycenter.org, call 679-2781.

• **42ND STREET** Presented by Pinkerton Academy Players and the Fine Arts Department. Thurs., March 26, at 7 p.m.; Fri., March 27, at 7 p.m.; Sat., March 28, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., March 29, at 2 p.m. Stockbridge Theatre, Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry. \$11. Visit stockbridgetheatre.com, call 437-5210.

• **THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE** Based on 1967 film of the same name, presented by Saint Anselm Abbey Players. Fri., March 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., March 28, at 7:30 p.m. Dana Center for the Humanities, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. \$14 adults, \$12 seniors. Visit anselm.edu.

• **DEARLY BELOVED** Presented by Pittsfield Players. Fri., March 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., March 28, at 7:30 p.m. The Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St., Pittsfield. \$12. Call 435-8852, visit pittsfieldplayers.com.

• **OKLAHOMA!** Hollis Brookline High School production. Fri., March 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., March 28, at 7:30 p.m. Hollis Brookline High School, 24 Cavalier Court, Hollis. \$15 adults, \$10 for students/seniors. Visit hbbstheatre.ticketleap.com/oklahoma.

• **CAPITOL STEPS** Performance by DC-based comedy troupe that began as a group of Senate Staffers. Fri., March 27, at 8 p.m. Pre-show reception at 7 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. \$13 to \$39. Visit ccanh.com, call 225-1111.

• **MARAT/SADE** Play's full title is *The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum at Charenton Under the Direction of Marquis de Sade*. Play within a play about French Revolution. March 27 through April 12 with shows Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sun., March 29 and Sun., April 5, at 7 p.m., and Sun., April 12, at 3 p.m. Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. \$15. Visit playersring.org, call 436-8123.

• **GOBLIN MARKET** Directed

by Danielle Howard, music direction by Peter Motson, about sisters who find their bonds of love tested by temptation. March 20 through April 4, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. \$24. Call 431-6644, ext. 5, email reservations@nhtheatreproject.org.

• **GRANDE ROMANZA** Presented by Concord Community Concert Association, American tenor-soprano duo Stefano and Nina Tanchietti, accompanied by pianist Maria de Los Angeles. Includes popular early 20th century love songs and music from Broadway musicals. Fri., March 27, at 7:30 p.m. Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. \$18. Visit concordcommunityconcerts.org, call 344-4747.

• **GODSPELL** Part of the Citizens Bank Performing Arts Series. March 27 through April 11. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$15-\$45. Visit palacetheatre.org, call 668-5588.

• **A CLOSER WALK WITH PATSY CLINE** Starring Broadway veteran from Portsmouth Merrill Peiffer. March 27 through April 26, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. \$22 to \$38. Visit seacoastrep.org.

• **FROST HEAVES** Yankee comedy, music, assorted nonsense, family-friendly. Fri., March 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., March 28, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Peterborough Players Theatre, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. \$18. Call 525-3391.

• **THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW** Production by youth from NH Theatre Factory. Fri., March 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., March 28, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry. \$14. Visit nhtheatrefactory.org, call 860-8226.

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• **MEET ELEANOR ROOSEVELT** Elena Dodd's living history presentation. Wed., April 8, at 2:30 p.m. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road, Hudson. Free. Visit rogerslibrary.org, call 886-6030.

• **LAURA INGALLS WILDER** Presented by ArtsPower National Touring Theatre, production chronicling uplifting story. Wed., April 8, at 10 a.m. Stockbridge Theatre, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry. \$8 for adults, \$7 for students. Visit stockbridgetheatre.com.

• **ON BROADWAY** Lottery cocktail party, raffle, music, games, prizes, live/silent auction. Fri., April 10, at 5:30 p.m. Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. \$100 donation admits two. Call 335-1992.

• **GALILEO'S PENDULUM: FREEDOM OF THOUGHT** Original script by Michael Megliola, directed by Meghann Beauchamp. Fri., April 10, at 7 p.m.; Sat., April 11, at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sun., April 11, at 2 p.m. West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. \$10. Call 431-6644, ext. 5, email reservations@nhtheatreproject.org.

• **DIXIE SWIM CLUB** Dinner theater presentation by Majestic Theatre. Fri., April 10, at 7 p.m.; Sat., April 11, at 7 p.m.; Sun., April 12, at 1:30 p.m. Executive Court, 1199 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester. \$38 Friday/Saturday, \$35 Sunday. Call 669-7469, visit majestictheatre.net.

• **CATS** Amherst PTA musical. Thurs., April 16, at 7 p.m.; Fri., April 17, at 7 p.m.; Sat., April 18, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sun., April 19, at 2 p.m. Souhegan High School, Boston Post Road, Amherst. \$15 adults, \$12 students/seniors. Visit amherstpta-cats.brownpapertickets.com.

• **SEUSSICAL, THE MUSICAL** Produced by Rochester Opera House Productions. April 16 through May 3. Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. \$24. Call 335-1992.

• **A COULE OF BLAGUARDS** UNH celebrity series, two-man show by Frank McCourt, starring Howard Platt and Jarlath Conroy. Fri., April 17, at 7 p.m. Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. \$30. Visit unharts.com, call 862-7222.

• **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** Presented by Matthew Thornton Elementary School students. Fri., April 17, at 7 p.m., and Sat., April 18, at 7 p.m. Matthew Thornton Elementary School, 275 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. \$10 adults, \$5 students.

• **CONTRA DANCE** Public reading of new script about north country NH by Tamworth writer Caroline Nesbitt. Part of third annual Intelligent Theatre Festival. Produced by NH Theatre Project. Sun., April 19, at 2 p.m. Langdon House, 143 Pleasant St., Portsmouth. Suggested \$10 donation. Call 431-6644, ext. 5, email reservations@nhtheatreproject.org.

• **SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL FASHION FANFARE** Raffle, games, auction, fashion show that benefits tuition assistance program. Sun., April 19, at 12:30 p.m. Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, 197 Dover Point Road, Dover. Call 742-3206, visit stalux.org/fashionshow.

• **ANYTHING GOES** Musical, winner of 2011 Tony for Best Musical Revival. Thurs., April 23, at 7:30 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. \$35-\$100. Visit ccanh.com, call 225-1111.

Auditions/open calls

• **AUDITIONS: THE TEMPEST** Theatre Unmasked Cochecho Arts Festival Production. Sun., March 29, 2-9 p.m. Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. Email info@theatreunmasked.com, visit theatreunmasked.com.

• **AUDITIONS: TIGER** Theatre Integrating Guidance, Education and Responsibility PSU professional touring educational theater company. Looking for one female, two male performers to join 2015-2016 season. April 29 through May

2. Plymouth State University, 17 High St., Plymouth. To schedule audition, call 535-2647, email pmirish@plymouth.edu, visit plymouth.edu/tiger.

Classical Music Events

• **SPRING SING WITH THE BUBS** Featuring Tufts Beelzebubs, Redline, Profile Chorus, Manchester West Blue Knights and Derryfield School a cappella group. Fri., March 27, at 7:30 p.m. Derryfield School, 2108 River Road, Manchester. \$20. Call 595-9156, visit symphonynh.org.

• **MUSICIANS OF WALL STREET CONCERT** Evening of French music, with selections ranging from Saint-Saen's *Elegy to Phantom of the Opera*. Presented by music school faculty. Fri., March 27, at 7:30 p.m. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St., Concord. \$15. Call 228-1196, visit ccmusicschool.org.

• **'S WONDERFUL & DELOVELY: AN EVENING OF GEORGE GERSHWIN & COLE PORTER** Capitol Jazz Orchestra Small Group pay tribute to songwriters. Sat., March 28, at 7:30 p.m. Concord Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. \$25-\$35. Visit ccanh.com, call 225-1111.

• **NASHUA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FUNDRAISER GALA** Gala/silent auction with concert, appetizers, cash bar. Includes special guest artists David Feltner, Mark Latham, Beth Welty, Kealeidoscope Chamber Players. Sun., March 29, at 3 p.m. LaBelle Winery, 345 New Hampshire 101, Amherst. \$30. Call 582-5211.

• **ALPIN HONG** Pianist Alpin Hong performs. Wed., Apr. 8, 8 p.m. Silver Center for the Arts, 114 Main St., Plymouth. Adult \$30, Senior \$28, Youth \$15. Call 535-2787. See plymouth.edu/silver-center.

• **NASHUA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FAMILY CONCERT** Pieces by Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, others. Sat., April 11, at 3 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Free. Call 589-4610.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE Around the world

NHTI hosts 15th Annual Multicultural Day

By Angie Sykeny
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Take an afternoon to travel the world at New Hampshire Technical Institute's 15th Annual Multicultural Day on Tuesday, March 31, from noon to 2:30 p.m.

More than 85 cultures will be represented with art, food, language, fashion, music and dancing.

"It's a chance for students to showcase where they're from and the unique things that make up their cultures," said Dawn Higgins, director of Cross-cultural Education and ESOL.

She noted that this is one of the largest events on campus, both in participation and attendance.

Half of the school's gymnasium will be filled with aisles of tables representing different cultures. The other half will house the DJ, an NHTI alum who will be playing a variety of world music throughout the afternoon, and a space for dancing and performances.

Higgins said NHTI has students representing over 60 native languages and countries of origin. Countries represented at the event will include Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, Iraq, the Republic of Congo, Haiti, Rwanda, Vietnam and Russia. New Hampshire will have a table as well.

"I personally am excited about the table from Myanmar," said Higgins. "It's a very small group of people in New Hampshire right now, and we are excited to have newcomers from different places. I'm also happy to see such a large group from Bhutan and Nepal."



Burundi drummers from the Burundian Association of New Hampshire at last year's Multicultural Day. Courtesy photo.

Throughout the afternoon, students will put on various performances. Some will perform a dance or play an instrument related to their cultures. Other performances include Burundi drumming and poi, a performance art that Higgins said "looks a little like juggling." The highlight performance is the fashion show, where students model their native clothing.

The Multicultural Day got its start, Higgins said, when she was teaching a class for ESOL students.

"I wanted to find a venue for my students to showcase a culminating classroom project about the cultures they came from," she said. "We had maybe 10 students, 10 tables set up in the library lobby. There was so

much interest in it that other students wanted to participate too."

Now, the event has gained recognition and participation from beyond the campus. Local businesses provide gifts for the raffles and local restaurants donate food. Concord High School brings its ESL students, and a few local elementary schools bring their classes as well.

"It's important to allow newcomers to share their expertise in something, and likewise, it's important for the host community to be open to learning something new," said Higgins. "Plus, who can say no to free food, music and entertainment during their lunch hour?"

There will be a reception table

where attendees can sign in, make a donation, buy a T-shirt or raffle ticket and get plates and napkins for sampling food. All donations and money from raffle ticket and T-shirt sales will go to the Cultural Exchange Club, a student-run club devoted to learning about other cultures and sharing them through events and activities.

NHTI's 15th Annual Multicultural Day

Where: NHTI Wellness Center, 31 College Drive, Concord
When: Tuesday, March 31, from noon to 2:30 p.m.
Cost: Free
Call: 230-4055

Children & Teens
Art classes & programs

• **CRAFTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD** Each week students will explore different countries and cultures through crafts and activities. For grades 3 through 5. Sat., March 7 to April 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. New Heights Community Center, 14 Canterbury Rd., Concord. Pre-registration required. Visit concordpark-sandree.com or call 225-8690.

Children events

• **SPRING CONSIGNMENT SALE** Sale will have gently used children's clothing, baby clothes and gear, footwear, costumes,

toys, furniture, decorations, books, music and videos. Sat., March 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., March 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hellenic Center, 219 Long Hill Road, Dover. Visit childrens-museum.org.
• **A STORY COMES ALIVE** Young participants are invited to come explore a different storybook each week. We'll act out the scenes and create a craft to go along with the story. Participants will learn how to express emotion, how to act like various characters, and how to tell a story through acting. For 5-7 year olds. Mar 28, 10 to 11 a.m. Majestic Theatre Rehearsal Studios, 922

Elm St., Suite 315, Manchester. \$50. Call 669.7469 or visit majestictheatre.net.
• **CARROT PATCH PUDDING CUPS** Children ages 3 to 6 will make a chocolate pudding with crushed oreos and baby "carrots" poking through the ground. Fri., April 3 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Sat., April 4, at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Classes are one hour long. The Culinary Playground, 16 Manning Street, Suite 105, Derry. Cost is \$16 per child. Registration required. Call 339-1664 or visit culinary-playground.com.
• **EASTER EGG HUNT** Easter egg hunt to benefit the Our Promise to Nicholas Foundation, working

towards a cure for Batten Disease. Includes games, live entertainment, magic by Scott Jameson, silent auction, raffles & more. An egg hunt every 10 minutes. Sat., April 4, 8:30 to 11 a.m. NH Sportsplex, 68 Technology Drive, Bedford. \$8 per person/ \$30 per family. Visit ourpromisetonicholas.com. Email cbjigam@aol.com.
• **JR. NEWSCASTERS** Workshop for children who want to learn how to host a TV program. Sat., April 4, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Heights Community Center, 14 Canterbury Road, Concord. \$25. Call 226-8872 or visit your-concordtv.org.
• **CURIOUS GEORGE VISIT**

Beloved book character Curious George will come by the museum to hug, high five, and do crafts with young fans. Part of Books Alive Children's Literacy Series. Sat., April 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children's Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St., Dover. Cost included in regular museum admission (\$9). Visit childrens-museum.org.

Music

• **IMAGINATION MOVERS** Rock concert for kids. Sun., March 29, 7:30 p.m. The Flying Monkey, 39 South Main Street, Plymouth. \$25. See flyingmonkeynh.com. Call 536-2551.

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Family fun for the weekend

Parties and puppets

Join the Concord Public Library (45 Green St., Concord) for a **Mad Hatter Tea Party**, happening Saturday, March 28, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wear your craziest hat in honor of the March Hare and enjoy crafts, games, refreshments, and of course, tea. This event is for ages 5 to 12. Admission is free, but registration is required. Call 225-8670 or visit concordnh.gov.

The Hampstead Stage Company will perform Carlo Collodi's **Pinocchio** at the Hopkinton Town Library (61 Houston Drive, Contoocook) on Friday, March 27, from 6 to 7 p.m. This showing is free and open to the public, but it is best suited for K through fifth-graders. Call 746-3663 or visit hopkintontownlibrary.org.

Creature craze

Welcome back the birds at the New Hampshire Audubon's **"Spring on the Wing"** day, Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McLane Audubon Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord). Take part in bird-related crafts, stories, games, outdoor excursions and, back by popular demand, the cake decorating contest. The cost is \$15 for Audubon-member families and \$25 for non-member families. Registration is required to enter the cake decorating contest. Call 224-9909 or visit nhaudubon.org.

Head to Amoskeag Fishways (4 Fletcher St., Manchester) for **Family Fun Night** on March 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The theme is March Madness with Muskrats and Beavers. Learn about the characteristics and behaviors of these animals through games, crafts and stories. Call 626-3474 or visit amoskeagfishways.org.

So egg-cited

Hop over to the St. Joseph Hospital Atrium Lobby (172 Kinsley St., Nashua) on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon for the annual **Easter Eggstravaganza**. There will be face painting, arts and crafts, refreshments and professional photos with the Easter bunny. This event is free. Call 882-3000 or visit stjosephhospital.com/EasterEggstravaganza.

Pelham Parks and Recreation will host an **egg hunt** on Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Village Green (24 Village Green, Pelham), weather permitting. This hunt is for children up to age 8 and will be sectioned by ages. There will also be music, food, inflatables, and



a special appearance by the Easter bunny. Call 635-8233 or visit pelhamweb.com.

Swing by Charmingfare Farm (774 High St., Candia) for the **Egg-Exciting Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 28, or Sunday, March 29, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The hunt is for children ages 2 to 10. There will also be opportunities to get a photo with the Easter bunny, go on a horse-drawn carriage ride, and visit with the spring baby animals. The cost is \$19 per person, free for children under 2. Call 483-5623 or visit visitthefarm.com.

Join the Hooksett Public Library (31 Mount Saint Mary's Way, Hooksett) for its **Easter egg hunt** on Saturday, March 28, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy crafts, games and a visit from the Easter bunny. The baby/toddler hunt will be at 10 a.m., the preschoolers at 10:30, and children ages 6 and up at 11. Call 485-6092 or visit hooksettlibrary.org.

Head to the Tuscan Kitchen (67 Main St., Salem) on Sunday, March 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for an all-ages **egg hunt** on the Tuscan Village grounds. Eggs will be filled with candy, prizes and certificates for free gelato. A meet-and-greet with the Easter bunny will follow. Call 952-4875 or visit tuscanbrands.com.

Check out Manchester City Library's (405 Pine St., Manchester) **Spring Celebration** on Saturday, March 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. Children ages 2 to 7 are invited for spring stories, crafts and an egg hunt on the library lawn. Registration recommended. Call 624-6550 or visit manchester.lib.nh.us.

The town of Windham will host its annual **Easter egg hunt** on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Windham High School (64 London Bridge Road, Windham). The hunt for children ages 3 to 5 will be at 9:45 a.m., ages 0 to 2 at 10, and ages 6 to 9 at 10:30. There will also be face painting and photos with the Easter bunny. Call 432-7732 or visit windhamnewhampshire.com.

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IN/OUT THE GARDENING GUY

Pruning apple trees

Better late than never

By Henry Homeyer
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Often the snow on the hilly south side of my house has melted by early March, allowing snowdrops to push their little noses out of the ground and permitting me to pick buds that open up indoors. Most years by mid-March the snow has melted enough to allow me to get out and move around my apple trees to prune them. Not this year. Snow is still knee-deep here and not disappearing very quickly. It will be April before I get to do much pruning.

The first step in pruning is to really take a good long look at the tree. Are there dead branches? They must go. Are there branches rubbing? You must remove one or the other. What about what I call "invaders?" Invaders are branches that "see" an empty spot and grow willy-nilly through the center of the tree to grab the sunshine. Off with it! Is the interior crowded? If so, it needs work.

Where you make your pruning cuts is important for tree health. Don't cut branches flush to the trunk or a bigger branch. Don't cut into the swollen area at the base of a branch, an area called the branch collar. You can often see a distinct edge to the collar where the wrinkles in the bark of the branch collar stop and the smooth bark of the branch begins. But don't cut off branches too far from the trunk, either. That creates stubs that will die and slowly rot away, leaving an open wound where disease can enter.

In general, it is better to take a few bigger branches than lots of little ones. You can safely remove 20 to 25 percent of a tree's leaves when pruning, though a well-tended tree won't even need that much. The amount of wood is less important than the number of leaves, though that is a bit difficult to determine in winter. Pruning an old, neglected apple tree might be done with just a few cuts to remove big branches that are competing with the tree's central leader or cluttering up the interior of the tree. Then in subsequent years you might work on smaller branches.

If you want blossoms and fruit, you can see if a branch will produce apples by looking for fruit spurs. Fruit spurs are gnarly little branches, usually just 3 or 4 inches long, that grow off bigger branches, branches that are at least two or three years old. At the tip of each spur is a cluster of buds that will produce leaves and flowers. If you are deciding whether to remove a branch, look for fruit spurs before cutting. Fruit spurs will not produce fruit in their first year.

Apples (and crabapples) tend to send up lots of waterspouts. These start as pencil-thick twigs shooting straight up from bigger branches. They are often a stress response: in summer



Fixing a bad crotch. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

they grow to produce leaves in the cool interior of a tree when the outer leaves have stopped producing food for the tree because it's too hot. So even if you cut them out every year, more will come, often in the same place. Same varieties of trees send out a lot of water sprouts, others just a few. If you leave them in place, they will eventually become full sized nuisance branches cluttering up your tree.

A few words about bad crotches. Fruit bearing branches should be at a 45- to 60-degree angle from the main trunk. A bad crotch angle (30 degrees or less) exist when there is a very tight angle between two stems. If the stems develop heavy fruit loads or are subject to heavy ice and snow loads, the weak crotch may break open, damaging the tree.

Breaking of bad crotches occurs because as the branches grow, they grow together, enclosing bark — and creating a weak spot. Prune one of the two branches to correct the problem. Do this when a tree is young if you can. Some trees are more prone to bad crotches than others. Maples, for example, often are full of bad crotch angles (but don't prune them in spring as they will bleed excessively).

Apples produce the most fruit on branches that are more horizontal than vertical. Sometimes I weight down young branches to make them more horizontal. A milk jug with some water in it will do the job, and you can increase the weight to just the right amount by tying on the jug and adding water. Do that in mid-April and remove it on the Fourth of July.

For me, pruning is not just about getting the most flowers or fruit from a tree — it's about creating a beautiful form. In winter, especially, I enjoy looking at a well-pruned tree as sculpture. If a tree has big branches hacked off to create a tree with a short profile, as some are in commercial orchards, it is not pleasing to the eye. A tree that tapers toward the top and has nicely spaced branches looks good and produces a good fruit load, too. Experts say that an apple tree should generally have a central leader or stem that dominates the tree and grows up the middle of it.

Pruning apple trees is one of my seasonal joys. Climbing up an old apple on a blue-sky day to prune it makes me feel like a boy again. I can't wait.

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Hi Donna,

I saw in the Hippo that you might be able to give me an approximate value on the attached Leonard & Baker cook stove.

Joanne

Dear Joanne,

Cook stoves are not really in a specific antique category and are tough to evaluate for appraisal values, but I can give you my experience with them and see if that will help you out.

Your stove is a Fairmont but designed by Leonard & Baker Co., in Taunton, Mass. They had other locations as well, but yours being an early 1900s model means it most likely came from there. Cook stoves, whether they burned wood, wood and gas, or just gas, were needed at that time. So there are many out there even today that survived and are in good working condition.

History isn't what will count when trying to determine the value as much as trying to find a new home for it will. So condition, design, sometimes the manufacturer and use of it will be where the value lies. I have heard of a company that fully restores such stoves into electric but with the same old-fashioned look. These stoves sell for thousands of dollars, as do reproduction stoves of this same style.

If I had to put an appraisal on it for age, history, condition now, usefulness, etc., I



would say it should be worth a couple thousand dollars. But on an actual market, you see stoves in this age, color and style go for around \$500. If you are looking to sell it, it will either be bought by someone who would like it for a camp or in their home, or picked up by someone who has the ability to fully restore and re-create it.

I hope you are keeping it and are still using it. They cook really well; I have had one and used it often for cooking and heating as well.

Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser and instructor. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or email her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).



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Crafts

Exhibits
• **CRAFT EXHIBIT** Spring themed craft exhibit. Opening

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Fairs

• **CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR** Sat., March 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alpine Club, 175 Putnam St., Manchester. Free to attend. Call Donna at 623-8202 for more details.

Holiday craft workshops

• **SPRING FLORAL CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP** Make a beautiful centerpiece just in time for Easter. The workshop is presented by Anne of Anne's Florals and Gifts of Hudson. Wed., April 1, 7 p.m. Rodger's Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road, Hudson. \$30 materials cost. Visit rogerslibrary.org.

One-time beading workshops

• **BEADWEAVING WORKSHOP** This class features a trio of beaded rings, each made using a different technique and a variety of beads. For adults and teens 12+. Sat., April 25, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. League of

NH Craftsmen Nashua Retail Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. Tuition: \$40, Materials: \$15. E-mail nashuarg@nhcrafts.org or call 595-8233.

One-time calligraphy & printing workshops

• **INTRODUCTION TO ZENTANGLE** Learn to Zentangle-- a structured, contained doodle created with the intention of producing a finished piece of art. For adults and teens 12+. Sat., April 4, 10 a.m. to noon. League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Retail Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. Tuition: \$20, Materials: \$10. E-mail nashuarg@nhcrafts.org or call 595-8233.

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• **FELTING WORKSHOP** Fiber artist Michelle Russell will teach flat felting. Sat., March 28, 10 a.m. to noon. Pembroke Town Library, 313 Pembroke St., Pembroke. Free, but pre-registration required. Call 485-7851.
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Cause must be found for disappearing breaks



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:
I'm 72, and I have a 2007 Ford Focus. At unpredictable intervals, my brake pedal goes all the way to the floor. This happens in wet weather every few months. It happened again last night. I had driven for about five or six minutes, and the pedal went all the way to the floor. My car just kept rolling right along. I have learned to pump the pedal, and it corrects itself and works fine after that ... until it happens again, a few months later. The dealer says it is not happening. But it IS happening, and I'm afraid it will cause my death eventually. Do you have any idea what could be done to prevent this? — Catherine

No, but you might want to tie a king-size air mattress to your front bumper until you figure it out, Catherine.

Actually, I think your dealer is acting unconscionably by telling you it's not happening — and by sending you back on the roads without attempting to fix it. Send copies of those repair orders, where he wrote that, to the executor of your will, so at least your heirs can own the dealer-

ship if this does cause your death.

But we'd rather make sure it doesn't. So tell your dealer to start by replacing your brake master cylinder. Based on the symptoms, that's the most likely culprit. A bad master cylinder can fail intermittently, and then regain pressure.

A stuck brake or parking brake also can cause this condition by causing your brake fluid to boil and your brakes to fail. But that's unlikely to happen after only five or six minutes of driving, so I'd lean toward the master cylinder.

They have to try something. They can't just let you drive around with disappearing brakes. So have the dealer put in a master cylinder, and hope that solves the problem. And if not, have them make their next best guess, whatever it is, and try another brake system component. You have to get to the bottom of this, Catherine, before you end up in the package compartment of a stopped UPS truck. Good luck!

Dear Car Talk:

I am retiring to Mexico this year. I need to buy a new car there. Since I've always driven a small, compact car here in the U.S., I'd like to try something different,

with more power, comfort, speed and that "je ne sais quoi." My new-car options are either a red Honda Civic Coupe Si EXL or a silver Honda Pilot Touring with all-wheel drive. In your vast knowledge of cars, which one would you recommend for an old girl not ready to retire from having fun? — Rebecca

I lean toward the Pilot, for two reasons: (1) The unknown quality of the roads, and (2) it's not red.

While there are plenty of good roads in Mexico, you don't say precisely where you're moving. If the roads aren't in great condition and are full of potholes where you live (like they are in our fair city), that Civic Si, with its sportier tuning, is going to clatter your teeth all day long. So if you ignore our advice, make sure you also get an excellent Mexican dental plan.

And the Civic Si's low ground clearance probably will cost you a couple of exhaust systems along the way. So get a plan for those, too.

The Civic Si is best on smoothly paved roads. It handles really well, but to get that "planted to the road" feeling, you give up some ride comfort. And you may want all the ride comfort you can get.

The other issue I have with it is that it's

bright red. And I think when you're living in a foreign country — and especially if you may be perceived as "well off" by the locals — you want to blend in as much as possible so as not to make yourself a target. Driving a brand-new, sporty red car is likely to attract attention, and perhaps not the kind of attention you want.

Again, I don't know exactly where you're going. You may end up living in a neighborhood full of Range Rovers and Escalades. Your neighbors may feel sorry for you in your little, red Civic. But to be safe, I'd lean toward something a little less attention-grabbing.

I think the Pilot will be more comfortable if you have to navigate poorer roads. It's also reliable and practical, with its cargo space and all-wheel drive. And silver is a color that doesn't scream "Look at me" as much as red does.

The Pilot isn't invisible, either, since it's a late-model SUV. But it's not a particularly flashy one. In fact, I don't think of the Pilot as having very much "je ne sais quoi"; I think of it as having more "grand derriere." Enjoy your retirement, Rebecca.

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Campers' paradise

NeHaCa hosts annual camping & RV show

By Angie Sykeny
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Whether you prefer to do your camping in a bare-bones tent or a decked-out RV, the 43rd Annual NH Camping & RV Show, happening Friday, March 27, through Sunday, March 29, will have something for everyone.

The show, sponsored by the New Hampshire Campground Owners' Association (NeHaCa), is the largest of its kind in the state, with over 8,000 attendees last year. This year's show, held at the Sportsplex in Bedford — its largest venue to date — will span across two buildings, cover roughly 92,000 square feet and feature over 100 exhibitors.

"This is the largest show we've produced," said Jeremy Sprince, NeHaCa's assistant executive director and the show's manager. "We wanted to move to a bigger location both to introduce larger models but also to give an opportunity to exhibitors who we haven't been able to accommodate in the past with limited space."

The show will include an array of RVs, trailers, pop-up campers and camping equipment, as well as information about New England's campgrounds from over 50 campground owners and managers. There will be informational seminars throughout the day, plus family activities including a bouncy house, face painting and photos with the campground mascots. Clark's Trading Post will also send its infamous Wolfman to the show.

"We get a good mix of people," said Gregg Pitman, NeHaCa's executive director. "For people looking for an RV or ready to trade in their RV, the show is a place to get great discounts before the end of the season. ... People also come to [look into] campgrounds, and meeting the campground owners makes it more relational and gives them a sense of

welcome and relationship."

Bob Zagami, executive director of the New England RV Dealers Association, will offer two of the three seminars. First-time Buyers will be held on Friday at 2 and 6 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Camping Without a Camper will be held Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m.

"Usually 50 percent of people at a show don't own an RV," said Zagami. "The [First Time Buyers] seminar gives them an overview of the different types of RVs, the various considerations to take in selecting an RV, but also of the lifestyle."

If you're going to the show intending to buy an RV, Zagami advises that you look at several models, understand how they're constructed, test drive them and talk to the salespeople. If the salesperson is only trying to sell the RV but isn't talking with you about it, "move on," he said.

In Camping Without a Camper, Zagami will address those who aren't ready to buy an RV but still want to enjoy the lifestyle. Most campgrounds, he said, have rental units or cabins, and the standard price to rent an RV for a week is around \$1,000.

"Oftentimes when we introduce people to renting and they experience the lifestyle, all of a sudden they want to become owners," he said. "A lot of people are frustrated with today's society and that's why [camping] is so popular, because it's a time to disconnect from their devices, have discussions rather than text messages, and engage with each other."

Paul Morehouse Jr. from Big Daddy RV Sales & Service of Winchester will give the third seminar about RV maintenance and how to get the most out of your RV on Sunday at noon and 3 p.m.

If you have an idea of where and when you'd like to make a camping trip, select campgrounds will be ready to take reservations on the spot. The earlier you can make a reservation, the better, as campgrounds fill up fast.

"There are 14 billion RVs on the road today," said Zagami. "Camping is the last vestige of what America used to be like. Now, you can live in a neighborhood for 10 years and not know your neighbors. At a campground, you know your neighbors within five minutes. It's a lifestyle many people don't know exists, but once they try it, it changes their lives forever."

The New Hampshire Food Bank will be taking donations at the show. Attendees who donate at least two items will receive \$2 off the \$10 admission cost. Last year, the show raised 5,000 pounds of food, and Sprince said they are hoping to exceed that number this year. 🍌

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Smartphone apps on any PC

Android emulators put little apps on bigger screens

By John “jaQ”Andrews
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Mobile apps sure are fun, huh? Too bad they’re confined to a tiny phone screen. Wouldn’t it be nice to use some of those apps on your computer, with a keyboard and mouse?

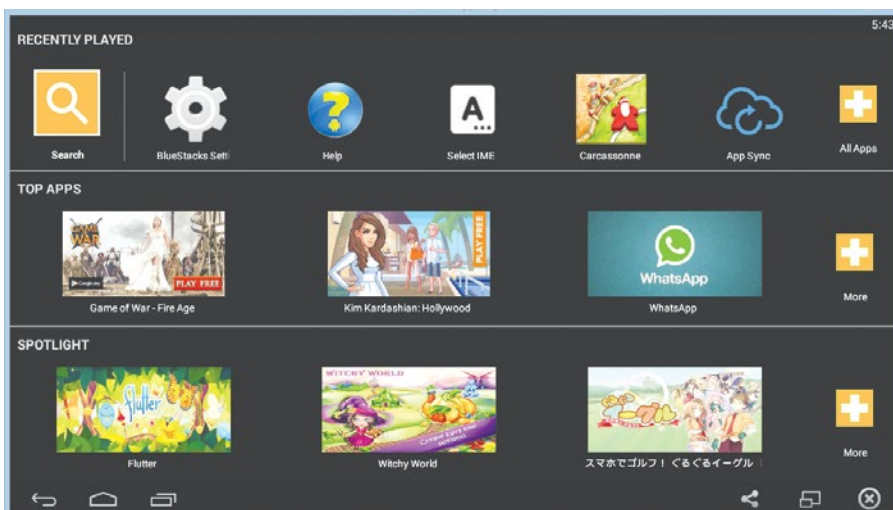
There’s always the emulator that comes with Android Studio, the app development program put out by Google itself. But it’s a huge download, a bear to configure and just more than most people need.

For straightforward (and, importantly, free) Android emulation on Windows, there are two easier options.

BlueStacks (bluestacks.com) is the more trouble-free, automagical emulator of the two. Its official name is “BlueStacks App Player,” reflecting its focus on both games and apps, rather than replicating a complete Android device on your desktop. In fact, the home screen is just a collection of apps.

That philosophy makes BlueStacks perhaps not the best emulator for the hard-core techie, but it’s ridiculously simple for those just wanting to get their apps up and running. The installer creates a folder of apps right on the Windows desktop, so you can launch your favorite Android game right from there.

BlueStacks runs in its own window or in fullscreen mode. Some apps might look stretched out depending on your display reso-



Courtesy photo.

lution, so it’s worth futzing with the Windows registry to get everything looking right:

- From a command line or “Run...” box, type “regedit” and hit Enter.
- Navigate to Computer > HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE > SOFTWARE > BlueStacks > Guests > Android > Frame-Buffer > 0.
- Double-click “GuestHeight.”
- Select “Decimal” under “Base.”
- Under “Value data” enter the height, in pixels, of your Windows screen resolution. For example, if your display is set to 1024 x 768, you would enter 768 here.

- Click OK.
- Do exactly the same thing with “Window Height.”
- Do the same with “GuestWidth” and “WindowWidth” but enter the width of your screen resolution instead.
- Reboot.

It’s easier than it looks, I promise. There is one other downside to BlueStacks: in order to keep using it for free, you need to install promotional apps occasionally.

Andy (andyroid.com), on the other hand, is pretty much like running a whole Android tablet on your Windows computer. You not

only get the familiar Android home screen, you get full access to all Android settings.

You can also customize the emulated device to a remarkable degree, down to the amount of memory and number of processor cores it should use. And, yes, its screen resolution. More hacking can be done through the software Andy runs on top of.

To set up a virtual machine, Andy makes use of an existing application from Oracle called VirtualBox. This software is the real emulator here, doing the hard work of making a pretend phone or tablet out of bits and bytes. Andy consists of the Android image and a bunch of Windows controls.

Andy is a bit more of a challenge to set up initially than BlueStacks, but its configurability gives you a lot of options for tweaking performance and accessing your computer’s hardware. It even takes advantage of virtualization features in most modern processors, if they’re enabled on your machine.

When I first installed Andy, it didn’t support my laptop’s multi-touch screen, while BlueStacks did. A recent update fixed that, though, so it’s now my Android emulator of choice. Your selection might similarly hinge on what works best on your hardware. Have fun!

No one can emulate @CitizenjaQ on Twitter. 🐼

... felting experience is not required. For adults and teens 15+. Sat., April 11, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Retail Gallery, 98 Main St., Nashua. Tuition: \$45, Materials: \$45. E-mail nashuarg@nhcrafts.org, or call 595-8233.

Other craft events

• **UKRAINIAN EGG DECORATING CLASS** Learn how to create beautifully decorated eggs with artist Judi Lemaire, who specializes in Batik egg decorating. Students will take a gift box, egg stand and glaze home with their egg. Sun., March 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Meredith Fine Craft Gallery, 279 Daniel Webster Hwy, Meredith. Cost is \$20. Call 279-7920 to register or visit nhcrafts.org.

Dance

• **IRISH CEILI DANCE** An Irish folk dance. Come to dance or just to share stories, laugh, and enjoy the music. Sun., March 29, 3 to 7 p.m. Garrison Players Arts Center, 650 Portland Ave., Rollinsford. \$10 per dancer/ \$5 per non-dancer. Call 749-1038.

• **MOM PROM** Women will gather wearing old prom dresses and tacky bridesmaid dresses for a fun-filled girls’ night out of dancing, food, cocktails, photo-booth fun, classic prom traditions, raffles and more all while supporting the St. Joseph Hospital Breast Care Center. Sat., April 11, 7 to 11:30 p.m. Alpine Grove, 19 South Depot Rd., Hollis. \$50/per person, \$60 after March 1, \$65 after April 1. Visit mompromnashua.org.

Festivals & Fairs

• **MAGICKAL MARKET-PLACE & PSYCHIC FAIRE** Vendors and psychic readers of all kinds, along with live entertainment, lectures and workshops, and fun for the whole family. Sat., March 28, noon to 7 p.m. Raddison Hotel, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua. \$7. Visit themagickalmarketplace.com.

• **ASTROLOGY & PSYCHIC FAIR** New England’s top astrologers and metaphysical practitioners will come together to raise funds for the Seacoast Astrological Association. Sun., March 29, Registration at 9 a.m., Readings from 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. Roundabout Diner, Portsmouth Traffic Cir., Portsmouth. Attendance is free. Readings are \$30 for 20 minute sessions. Visit seacoastastrologicalassociation.blogspot.com.

• **EARTH DAY FESTIVAL** A variety of activities including live animals, crafts, games, mural painting, scavenger hunts, live music, and a campfire. Sat., April 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn. Individuals \$5, Families \$15. Call 668-2045.

Health & Wellness

Childbirth & parenting

• **BASIC SPECIAL EDUCATION RIGHTS** This workshop provides participants with an introduction to the NH special education process. Thurs., March 26, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Ellis School, 423 Main St., Fremont. Registration required. Call 224-7005 or email frontend@picnh.org.

Disease-focused workshops & seminars

• **AUTISM** Learn more about the Davis Autism Approach, a gentle, non-invasive program that gives the autistic individual

the tools to participate fully in life. Sat., April 11, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Free. Visit wadleighlibrary.org.

Nutrition workshops

• **MINDFUL EATING RETREAT** Learn how to bring the power of mindfulness into your life by engaging in the practice of mindful eating. Fri., March 27 through Sun., March 29. Aryaloka Buddhist Center, 14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket. \$160-\$240. Call 659-5456 or visit aryaloka.org.

• **FOOD ALLERGIES & SENSITIVITIES: A PANEL DISCUSSION** Concord Food Co-op wellness class with Naturopathic Doctor Jacqueline Rho, Chef & Author Oonagh Williams and Health Coach Kelly Lang to discuss food allergies and sensitivities. Tues., April 14, from 6-7:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, 37 Green St., Concord. Free. Registration required. Visit concordfoodcoop.coop/classes, or call 225-6840.

One-time screenings

• **WOMEN’S SCREENING** Includes a clinical breast exam,

pelvic exam and a PAP smear. Thurs., April 9, 5 to 8 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua. Free. Pre-registration required. Call 595-3168.

• **MEN’S SCREENING** Includes a PSA (blood work) and rectal exam. Thurs., April 16, 5 to 8 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua. Free. Pre-registration required. Call 595-3168.

Wellness workshops

• **DARKNESS TO LIGHT** Child sexual abuse prevention workshop. Learn how to recognize and report possible abuse. Tues., April 14, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Center for Expressive Arts, Therapy and Education, 141 Union St., Manchester. \$30. Call 625-0010 or visit castlecreate.com.

• **WORDLESS WALKS** Take a silent group walk in the woods for a time of supported individual reflection. Dress in warm layers, wear good walking shoes, and bring water. Fri., March 27, from 10 to 11 a.m. Mine Falls Park entrance, Nashua. Free. RSVP to diane@dianemackinnon.com. Visit dianemackinnon.com.

• **PERFECTION OF PATIENCE** Learn to cultivate patience. Sat., March 28. Aryaloka Buddhist Center, 14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket. \$35-\$55. Call 659-5456.

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Marketing & Business

Marketing workshops

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Get it done

Maximizing workout results

By Joel Bergeron
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Sticking to a consistent workout isn't just about creating a good habit. It's also about seeing consistent results. Much like getting a paycheck keeps you motivated to work,

if you're not seeing improvements on a regular basis both physically and visually, you're probably on borrowed time before you start wandering back to the fridge at 2 a.m. for a handful of cookies and a glass of milk.

If you're already showing up to work out at least three to five times per week, now it's time to take a look at what you're doing for a routine and, even more importantly, how you're doing those things. Here are some tips to help keep the fat burning, the abs poppin' and the compliments coming:

1. Choose total body exercises. Instead of using exercises that focus on a single joint or muscle group, maximize the caloric burn by focusing on activities which combine several movements into a single motion. For instance, rather than using a leg extension, leg curl and calf raise machine, do a leg press or free weight squat. You are essentially doing three exercises at once, tripling the challenge and your return.

2. Pair exercises together. If you are doing weights, choose two, three or even four exercises and go from one activity to the next without recovery time. Combine pulling and pushing exercises or lower and upper body movements into a superset, which means doing two or more routines as once.

3. Focus on your rep pacing. One of the easiest ways to boost your results is by slowing the execution of your move-

ments down. This is referred to as "time under tension." That is, the longer a muscle is working, the more it will have to adapt which equals results. The average person takes about 1 to 2 seconds per rep when lifting weights. For a typical set of 10, that's only 10 to 20 seconds of work. Instead, try lifting the weights fast (explosively), then lower them at a full, honest, 3-second pace. This doubles the time under tension and you will see bigger results. You may need to reduce the weights you use initially, but in the long run, you'll see bigger gains.

4. Combine cardio and weights where possible. Did you know that your metabolism stays elevated after you're done working out? If you do cardio, it stays in overdrive for three to four hours after you work out. With weights, that climbs to five to six hours. Combine the two and it's seven to eight hours. Also keep in mind that the more lean muscle mass you have, the more fat your body burns at rest. Avoid focusing only on cardiovascular work as it's a short-sighted approach to long-term fitness.

5. Move it — fast! High-intensity workouts, while generally taking less time to reach the point of fatigue, provide better return on time invested because they burn more calories overall. The days of doing slow cardio and hoping to sweat away the fat are gone. Alternate between fast-paced workouts and recovery time. Avoid slow-paced low-intensity routines.

Do you have a question about health and fitness that you'd like answered in the Healthy Hippo? Email Joel Bergeron at info@nlpstrength.com. Joel is a former NCAA D1 and professional sports coach and holds a master's degree in sport science. Be sure to check with your doctor before changing your eating habits or embarking on a new exercise program. 🐾

• HOW TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS WITH INBOUND MARKETING Workshop will teach how to use inbound marketing to attract prospective customers, draw them in to your organization, and entice them to work with you. Thurs., April 2, noon to 1:30 p.m. Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce, 142 Main St. 5th Floor, Nashua. Registration required. Call 685-4782.

Networking groups

• MARCH HOOPLA Meet and exchange ideas with other entrepreneurs and creative minds. Tues., March 31, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 3S Artspace, 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth. Free. Call 629-9511 or visit alphasoft.org.

Other

• HUDSON AWARDS DINNER The Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its 46th Annual Awards Dinner, to honor our Citizen of the Year, Junior Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year and Outstanding Community Partner. Speaking at the dinner will be NH Speaker of the House, Shawn Jasper. Tues., March 31, 6 p.m. The Castleton, 92 Indian Rock Rd., Windham. \$45. Call 889-4731 or visit HudsonChamber.com.

• BUSINESS SHOWCASE 24th annual event features over 100 Chamber members who will display with their products and services. Tues., April 7, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Grappone

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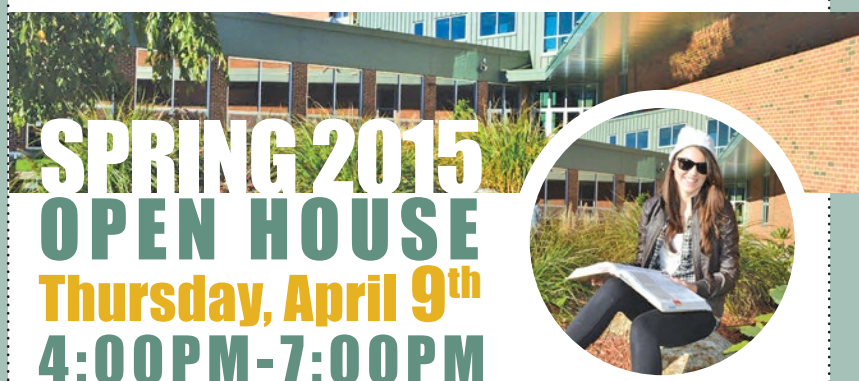
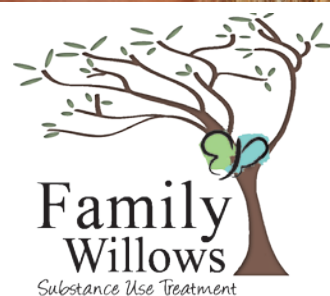
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ON THE JOB

SARAH TRUDEL

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND GRADUATE ADMISSIONS AT RIVIER UNIVERSITY

As associate director for professional studies and graduate admissions, Sarah Trudel works with students from undergraduate programs through doctoral studies, answering questions and helping them on their path. A proponent of lifelong learning, Trudel spoke with the Hippo recently about what it's like working in an academic atmosphere and realizing that a career is an evolving journey.

Q: *Explain in one sentence what your current job is.*

Essentially I act as a recruiter for our professional studies, which is undergrad, evening, online and hybrid. In addition I serve as the initial contact for the professional studies, doctoral and graduate studies. Once [prospective students] apply or have questions, I'm kind of the go-to person.

How long have you worked at Rivier?

Almost six and a half years.

How did you get interested in this field?

In a way it was by chance. I'd always had an interest in education but also in helping others. Shortly after I graduated from college I went to another local college to look into coming back to school myself and left with a job offer from the admission department.

What kind of education or training did you need for this job?

Well to work [for] and represent a university you have to have a college degree. My

undergraduate education was very important ... but more has been my graduate degree, which I completed at Rivier. Since I was a student at Rivier I was able to gain more insight from the student perspective. I was able to see it from their point of view. And then because I did an M.Ed. in education studies with a counseling concentration, the skills and knowledge gained in that program has been immensely useful.



Sarah Trudel.

think so much the idea of what I was going to do for the rest of my life. For most people a career is a journey, and it evolves over time. I followed a path and it developed into something I'm passionate about.

What is your typical at-work uniform?

Professional dress. I favor dresses because they're easy, usually paired with a blazer or cardigan. Black and gray are my go-to.

How did you find your current job?

The first school I worked at was not Rivier. The job I'm in now was a former colleague's, who recommend I apply. I had been looking at Rivier and applied for it knowing that I wanted to work at Rivier and complete my grad degree at the same time.

What's the best piece of work-related advice anyone's ever given you?

It's really important to be open to the idea of being a lifelong learner. ... Even just life lessons and experiences that you learn along the way are useful in helping you move forward.

What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?

For me probably that I didn't need to over-

What was the first job you ever had?

Aside from babysitting neighborhood kids, Service Merchandise Manchester customer service and sales associate. It turned into more than a job; that's where I met my husband.

— Allie Ginwala 🍷

Five favorites

Favorite book: The *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling

Favorite movie: *A League of Their Own*

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News from the local food scene

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FOOD

How sweet it is

NH celebrates two decades of Maple Weekend

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• **Prized pies:** On Saturday, March 14, Studio 550 Art Center (550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com) held its first Pie Day Competition where professional bakeries from Manchester, Plymouth, Concord, Weare, Amherst, Dublin and Portsmouth competed for the title of best fruit, cream and creative pie. The judges, Susan Laughlin, food writer for New Hampshire Magazine; Helen Ryba, host and producer of *The Chef's Plate*; and Richard Tango-Lowy, vice chair of the Granite State Quality Council and master chocolatier of Dancing Lion Chocolate, selected Saxy Chef's apple apricot ginger as fruit winner, Sunshine Scoops Ice Cream & Bakery's banana cream pie as cream winner, and Finesse Pastries' tart bourdaloue as creative winner. The people's choice fruit winner was Saxy Chef's apple apricot ginger and apple cranberry raspberry, cream winner was Finesse Pastries' chocolate cream, and Finesse Pastries' tart bourdaloue won the people's best creative.

• **Breathe deeply and eat cleanly:** The Bedford Village Inn (2 Olde Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com) announced in a press release that Saturday Yoga Flow, a flow yoga session with instructor and owner of Downdog Flow Yoga & Pilates in Bedford Melissa Martin, will be held Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Great Hall or courtyard gardens, depending on the weather. Following the yoga session, a "clean eating" menu, made up of whole, non-processed foods and foods made with local organic ingredients, will be available in the tavern or restaurant for lunch. A presentation will be given on the last Saturday of each month, with topics focused on healthy lifestyle tips and demonstrations of health-forward recipes. Sessions cost \$15 each, with a minimum of four pre-paid sessions required.

• **Sip into spring:** To toast the release of three new wines, Flaghill Winery & Distillery will host a White Party on Saturday, March 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. Cayuga white, Flag Hill's first sparkling wine, Niagara, a smooth and juicy white wine re-released by popular demand, and La Crescent, with an intense aroma of apricot, peach and citrus, will be featured. Wine tastings and food pairings and specialty cocktails will be offered throughout the evening and a winery 53 ▶

Celebrate the centuries-old craft of tapping trees and making syrup during the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association's 20th annual Maple Weekend on Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29, as sugar houses from the Great North Woods to the Merrimack Valley region welcome guests for tours, demonstrations and samples.

"Approximately 100 sugar houses will be open," Robyn Pearl, publicist for New Hampshire Maple Producers Association, said in a phone interview. "It's a great way to start off the spring."

Howard Pearl, owner of Pearl and Sons Farm in Loudon and a director for the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association, has been a part of Maple Weekend since its beginning.

"My family [has] many generations of maple sugar producers," Pearl said in a phone interview. "I think it's a nice celebration of maple."

As in most years, this year's event is happening on the fourth weekend of March — usually the "bonanza time of maple producing for New Hampshire," Pearl said. Given the snowy winter and cold temperatures this month, the season start may be a bit later this year, but Pearl expects a sufficient supply to be ready to go for Maple Weekend.

Throughout the day Saturday and Sunday, guests can stop by multiple sugar houses and farms to engage in activities focused on the maple sugaring process. Each location will offer activities like sugar house tours, tree tapping and sap boiling demonstrations, tractor rides, pony rides and pancake breakfasts, and there will be plenty of maple products to sample and buy.

Barbara and Roger Proulx, owners of Just Maple in Tilton, will offer samples of their maple syrup, maple cream on pretzels, maple jellies, maple kettle corn, maple milk and Blake's maple walnut ice cream made with Just Maple syrup.

In addition to the more common maple treats, they'll also be selling maple baked



Tapped trees are ready with buckets to collect sap. Photo courtesy of New Hampshire Maple Producers Association.

beans, maple boiled hot dogs and maple bean soup.

"It isn't really a branching out, it's showing people how they can use it in cooking," Roger Proulx said in a phone interview.

He said they incorporate maple into meals and snacks not to be unique, but to simply expand the uses for maple. He gave the example of one local restaurant that sources his maple products and uses the maple cotton candy on salmon to give it a "fine, crispy finish" that you can't get using just syrup.

"You can substitute maple for sweetener pretty much anywhere," Barbara Proulx said in a phone interview.

A few years ago she heard of someone cooking maple hot dogs and decided to give it a go.

"I thought OK, what the heck, we'll give it a try," she said.

To make them, she boils the sap down just slightly before adding the hot dogs to boil.

"It does pick up the sweet flavor they're boiled in," she said. "It gives it an interesting taste because of the saltiness of the hot dog and the sweetness of the maple."

For an event like Maple Weekend, typically she'll leave the sap simmering all day, so hot dogs made at the end of the day tend

to be sweeter than the first batches made with the lightly simmered sap.

Another maple product Just Maple is bringing out for Maple Weekend is a maple bean soup, which Barbara Proulx makes from a recipe her daughter-in-law gave her. Instead of adding honey to the variety of beans and crushed pineapple, Proulx uses maple syrup. She said you could add in ground

beef, pork or turkey, but she leaves it out so she can offer a vegetarian option.

Coming up with ideas for using maple in other ways than sugar or syrup comes naturally to the Pearls as well.

"There's a real movement in recent years to use maple as a natural sweetener," Howard Pearl said.

Substitute it for sugar, corn syrup or molasses to change the flavor.

Robyn Pearl noted that the darker the syrup, the more strongly the flavor will come through in the recipe.

"There are ways you can take your own recipes at home and maple them up," said Robyn Pearl, who creates Pearl and Sons Farm's maple products, including maple sugar, maple cream, maple brittle, maple lollipops and, recently, maple granola and maple marshmallows. 🍯

“ You can substitute maple for sweetener pretty much anywhere. **”**

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Many towns for many tastes

Annual tasting benefit returns to Nashua

By Allie Ginwala
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Instead of highlighting the cuisine of just one town, Nashua Center, which provides community-based programs and services to those living with developmental disabilities, will bring together restaurants, winemakers and beverage distributors from multiple communities for the 13th annual Taste of the Towns wine/food tasting and benefit auction on Friday, March 27.

Brian Young, Nashua Center executive director, noticed the rise of local tastings over a decade ago and thought a different approach might work too.

"We said, 'Let's look out beyond this one community, because Nashua Center ... [has] a strong presence in Hillsborough and Rockingham county,'" Young said in a phone interview.

This year's 18 participating locations are a mixture of returning restaurants that have been a part of the event for many years as well as newcomers that join together at Radisson Hotel Nashua to create "a wonderful smelling grand ballroom," Young said.

"We have restaurants as far east as Salem, as far south as Chelmsford/Tyngsboro [Mass.], as far west as Milford, as far north as Manchester," he said. "So we are a very inclusive event for southern New Hampshire and the border state."

A new feature this year is the introduction of craft beers, with Craft Beer Cellar and From The Barrel Brewing Company joining in. Those pouring wine include Pine State Trading Co., Kinky Liqueur, Labelle Winery, Candia Vineyards and Zorvino Vineyards.

The diverse cuisines at Taste of the Towns include B. Good, Ipswich Clambake, Creative Cakes by Debby, Curry Masala, Mr. Mac's, Peddler's Daughter, Pressed Cafe,



Serving up samples from Firefly American Bistro & Bar. Photo courtesy of Taste of the Towns.

Shade Bar and Grille and more.

"We try to do that on purpose just to give people different options," Young said. "It's a moving activity, we like to say, so people aren't stuck at tables because people are moving, walking around, taking little samples. And these restaurants, they come prepared."

The restaurants are given free rein as to what items they choose to bring, Young said.

The tasting portion of the evening will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m., followed by a live auction and silent auction, a wine raffle and a Fund-A-Need. For this year's Fund-A-Need, Young will talk about employment for people with disabilities and then lead a time for guests to contribute at different levels.

"When Fund-A-Need happens, the event becomes intimate because they know they're investing in people, for the people of Nashua Center with disabilities to go out and find work," Young said.

"You get to eat, drink, be happy and give to a great cause," he said. "My feeling is how lucky are we to have so much support and generosity from corporate sponsors, local restaurants, local wineries, beer, individuals, just the community at large has been really supportive. We have such incredible food that's coming our way."

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• **EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Annual breakfast hosted by the Brookside Youth Group. Sun., April 5,

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BA: [Hanover Street] Chophouse, Manchester

KB: Moritomo, Concord

What celebrity would you like to see eating at your restaurant?

BA: Luke Bryan

KB: Tom Brady

What is the biggest food trend in New Hampshire right now?

BA: Lobster mac n' cheese

KB: Local [farm-to-table]

What is your favorite meal to cook at home?

BA: My husband can't live without bolognese with fresh pasta.

KB: Breakfast. I just love breakfast.

What is your favorite dish on your restaurant's menu?

BA: The ahi tuna appetizer

KB: Scallops

— Allie Ginwala 🍷

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Lobster Crab Cakes

From the kitchen of Brooke Audley and Kevin Bedard

1/2 cup minced shallots
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup chopped scallions
1 cup panko
3 tablespoons whole grain mustard

Salt and pepper to taste
2 pounds lump crab cakes
2 pounds lobster meat, chopped

Mix all ingredients except crab and lobster. Salt and pepper to taste. Add meats, mix then mold cakes into desired size. Bake on a sheet tray at 350 degrees until golden brown; about 12 minutes.

buta ham, lamb, prime rib, filet mignon and more. Sun., April 5, from noon to 4 p.m. Hanover Street Chophouse, 149 Hanover St., Manchester. Starts at \$43. Visit hanoverstreetchophouse.com.

Fairs/festivals/expos

• **THE MAPLE EXPERIENCE AT ROCK'S ESTATE'S** Visitors can tap trees, explore the maple sugaring process, tour the Maple Museum and taste the traditional pairing of maple syrup, sour pickles and donuts. Sat., March 28, Sun., March 29, Sat., April 4. The Rocks Estate, 4 Christmas Lane, Bethlehem. Visit nhmapleexperience.com.
• **KEARSARGE MAPLE FESTIVAL** Visit area sugar houses for free tours and samples. Enjoy a pancake breakfast

at United Church of Warner, try sugar on snow at NH Telephone Museum and see how Native Americans made maple sugar at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. Sat., March 28, and Sun., March 29. Pancake breakfast both days from 7:30 to 10 a.m., sugar on snow Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., maple sugar demonstration at the museum Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours and demonstrations are free, but there is a charge for food. Visit kearsargechamber.org or call 229-7452.
• **MAPLE DAY** At Quarrybrook Outdoor Learning Center. Learn how trees produce maple, explore the natural history of sugaring and enjoy storytelling and crafts. Sat., March 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quarrybrook Outdoor Learning Center, 39 Roulston Road, Windham.

Event is free. Visit quarrybrook.org.
• **MAPLE SUGAR MADNESS** Enjoy hands-on participation from tapping to tasting with environmental educators. Program includes 20 minute walk to the sugar house. Dress warmly. Snowshoes will be provided as needed. Every Sat. through March 28. Hour and a half programs held at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center, 928 White Oaks Road, Laconia. Cost is \$8 adult, \$7 ages 4-12, free ages 3 and under. Reservations required. Call 366-5695 or visit prescottfarm.org.
• **EASTER EGG HUNT AND EASTER BUNNY VISIT** Children of all ages can enjoy an Easter egg hunt on the Tuscan Village grounds to find eggs

tour will begin at 8 p.m. with the winemaker and vineyard manager. Those who come dressed in white will receive cocktail specials and may even win an award for best white outfit. The cost is \$21 per person. Call 659-2049 or email events@flaghill.com to make a reservation. Visit flaghill.com.

• **Last call to the market:** This Saturday, March 28, marks the last Tilton Winter Farmers Market of the season. Open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the market is located at 67 East Main St., Tilton. Stop by to check out a variety of winter produce, cheeses, breads, meats and prepared foods. This year's market vendors include Abigail's Bakery organic breads and baked goods, Candia Vineyards wine, Cardigan Mountain Soapworks soaps and body care, Doug's Best Batch sauces and meat rubs, Gage Hill Sugar Shack maple syrup and maple candies, and Woodshed Roasting Company coffee, teas and hot cocoa. Visit tiltonwinterfarmermarket.com for more details.

• **Dining with whiskey:** Experience whiskey alongside a four-course meal at The Peddler's Daughter (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com) Irish Whiskey Dinner on Monday, March

30, at 6:30 p.m. Each course will be paired with a whiskey selection. The meal includes roasted pork belly, root vegetable and colcannon cake, Jameson Whiskey flambéed apples, duck confit leg and sage and onion stuffing. Cost is \$55 per person. Reservations required.

• **Chocolatey treats:** Need a chocolate fix? Candia Community Woman's Club will hold its annual Chocolate Extravaganza on Sunday, March 29, with a seating at 2 p.m. A selection of chocolate-themed desserts will be served and there will also be a silent auction. The event will be held at Candia Woods Golf Links (313 South Road, Candia); the cost is \$14. Proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship funds. Visit candia-womansgroup.org.

• **A new brew:** A&E Coffee Roastery & Tea will release a new micro-lot of coffee from the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, according to a press release. The special reserve coffee will be sold at both A&E cafes in Amherst (135 Route 101A, Amherst, 578-3338) and Manchester (1000 Elm St., Manchester, 578-3338). The intense, full-bodied batch is expected to be available for one to two months. Visit aerostery.com.

filled with candy, prizes and "golden eggs" with certificates for free gelato. A meet and greet with the Easter Bunny will follow. Sun., March 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuscan Market, 63 Main St., Salem. Free to the public. Call 912-5467 or visit tuscanbrands.com.

• **RESTAURANT WEEK PORTSMOUTH & THE SEACOAST** Celebrate Greater Portsmouth's culinary bounty, outstanding chefs and farm/sea-to-table sustainable philosophy. Participating restaurants will offer prix fixe, three course menus for lunch and dinner. Thurs., April 9, to Sat., April 18. Greater Portsmouth/Seacoast region. Three course menus for lunch and dinner cost \$16.95 and \$29.95 respectively. Visit portsmouthchamber.org.
• **TASTE OF THE NATION 2015** Join Share Our Strength's premier culinary benefit of the year. Sample from nearly 60 restaurants from across the state including the Sugar Hill Inn, Pasquale's Ristorante, the Common Man and 7th Settlement Brewery, along with fine wine and craft beer. Wed., April 15, from 5 to 9 p.m. Radisson Hotel, 700 Elm St., Manchester. Tickets cost \$50, \$85 for VIP.

• **Chef events/special meals**
• **CHEF-BREWER BATTLE SOCIAL** Third annual battle features three chef-brewer teams who must create a dish and beer pairing. Vote for best pairing of

the three custom-crafted dishes and culinary-inspired brewers. Wed., April 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. Jimmy LaPanza Lounge, The Portsmouth Brewery, 56 Market St., Portsmouth. Visit portsmouthbrewery.com or call 431-1115.

• **SATURDAY FLOW** at The Bedford Village Inn. Enjoy a yoga flow session in the Great Hall or courtyard gardens followed by a "clean eating" menu of whole, non-processed, organic local foods for lunch. Sat. from 10 to 11 a.m. The Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford. Sessions cost \$15 each, a minimum of four pre-paid sessions required. Visit bedfordvillageinn.com.

• **WEEKEND BRUNCH** Menu features a selection of burgers, salad and soup, sandwiches, eggs, pancakes and breakfast cocktails. Sat. and Sun. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford. Visit bedfordvillageinn.com.

• **CONCORD FOOD CO-OP BRUNCH** Brunch buffet at The Co-op's Celery Stick Café with build-your-own omelet station. Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Concord Food Co-op, 24 S. Main St., Concord. Call 410-3099, or visit concordfoodcoop.coop.

• **WORLD CUISINE TOUR** On the hot bar. Twelve trays inspired by regional cuisine from all over the world will be featured. Sample dishes from

Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America. Vegan and vegetarian options also available. Free wine samples from 4 to 6 p.m. on select evenings. Every Thurs. until April 16. at Concord Food Co-op, 24 S. Main St., Concord. Price based on food selection. Visit concord-foodcoop.coop or call 225-6840.

Church & charity suppers/bake sales

• **CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA** Annual event features a variety of chocolate desserts and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit Candia Community Woman's Club scholarship funds. Sun., March 29, at 2 p.m. Candia Woods Golf Links, 313 South Road, Candia. Cost is \$14. For tickets, call 483-8544 or email contact@candiawomansgroup.org. Visit candiawomansgroup.org.

• **EASTER BAKE SALE** Spinach pita, Greek cookies and pastry, and Easter bread will be for sale. Held by the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Ladies Philoptochos Society. Sat., April 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 111 Island Pond Road, Manchester. Call 623-2045.

• **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** Breakfast at the Candia Masonic Hall with eggs, omelettes, pancakes, French toast, home fries, bacon, sausage and beverages. Sun. in March from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Masonic Hall, 12 South Road, Candia.

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FOOD Battle in the capital

Local chefs face off in debut competition

By Allie Ginwala
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It's happening on April Fool's Day, but this competition is no laughing matter. To showcase the often unseen talent in the kitchens of assisted living communities, three executive chefs will compete in the first Iron Chef Concord.

"We want to showcase some wonderful chefs that are behind the scenes," said Vivien Green, executive director of GoodLife Programs & Activities. "A lot of the folks who reside in those facilities get the benefit of these wonderful meals, and no one else really gets to try them."

Executive chefs Christopher Normandeau of Granite Ledges of Concord, Joe Gerber of The Birches of Concord, and Jason Seavey of Havenwood Heritage Heights will participate in this debut competition, each bringing a varied and diverse background of culinary experience.

On the day of the competition, the chefs will have 30 minutes to create a dish onstage that follows the theme of chocolate and wine.

"They have half an hour to prepare their creations, and the bell will ring and they'll be asked to step away and plate for the judges to sample," Green said in a phone interview.

Iron Chef Concord

When: Wednesday, April 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: GoodLife Programs and Activities, 254 N. State St., Concord (at the Smokestack Center)

Tickets: \$25, includes two glasses of wine. Purchase at any of the three participating assisted living facilities.

Visit: goodlifenh.org.



Joe Gerber of The Birches of Concord. Courtesy photo.

The "creation," Green said, could be an appetizer or an entree, as long as the main ingredient is chocolate. After the dish has been plated and paired with the chef's choice of wine, the five competition judges will evaluate based on imagination, creativity, taste, success of wine pairing and overall presentation.

In addition to the competition dish, each chef will bring a sample-sized appetizer, entree and dessert (which may or may not be chocolate-themed) for guests to enjoy. The samples will be set up at three stations, and during the first hour of the event, guests can try the samples and vote for people's choice.

A fundraiser for GoodLife Programs & Activities at Centennial Senior Center, this event will highlight the programs they offer as well as provide assisted living facilities the chance to talk with people in the community.

"The public still has a misconception of aging," Green said. "[We want to] help educate the public on what it's like to be in the second half of life."

Tickets available at the door; cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids 12 and under. Call 483-2292.

• **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** A la carte breakfast menu benefits the American Legion Post 65 and community outreach. Sun. from 8-11 a.m. Philbrick-Clement Post 65 American Legion, 12 N. Stark Hwy., Weare. Cost ranges from \$3.50-\$7. Call 529-2722, or visit nhpost65.us.

• **HAM AND BEAN DINNER** Monthly dinner with ham, two kinds of beans, potato salad, coleslaw, bread, beverage, and dessert. On the first Saturday of the month ending Sat., May 2, from 4:30-7 p.m. Main Street

United Methodist Church, 154 Main St., Nashua. Tickets at the door cost \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$4 for children ages 6-12, and free for kids under age 6. Call 882-3361. Visit mainstreet-umc.org.

• **COMMUNITY SUPPER** Monthly community supper. On the third Wed. of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Milford, 20 Elm St., Milford. Visit uucm.org.

Classes/workshops

• **"TAP YOUR OWN" MAPLE PROGRAM** On-site sugar shack will have supplies needed for families to tap and

collect sap. Weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 41 Observatory Way, Intervale. Call 356-9980 or visit believeinbooks.org.

• **FRENCH COOKIES** Learn how to make classic French cookies including almond and lemon sables, linzers, madeleines, palet coconut and others. Fri., March 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester. Cost \$60. Workshops fill up fast; register in advance. Call 232-6592, or visit finessepastries.com.

• **ARTISAN BREADS** Learn the basics of bread baking, including leavening, kneading and shaping. Make and shape Country Loaf, sweet Challah

Chicken & rice

Going to the grocery store can be a stressful experience. You may not be lucky enough to go by yourself and an entourage of kiddos does not make for a relaxing experience. It may be stressful because you just don't know what to buy. Or, if you're like me, you leave your list at home and end up forgetting that one essential item (it was dish soap this week). Probably the most stressful thing about grocery shopping comes in the checkout line when you see just how much you've spent.

There are plenty of ways to save money at the grocery store: make a list so you don't overbuy, skip individually wrapped snacks and buy goods you frequently use in bulk. One of my favorite ways to save money is



to pick a meal and bulk it up so that it lasts for two dinners and maybe even a lunch. Casserole dishes tend to work best for this, and the one I'm sharing here is perfect.

A great way my family saves money is by buying chicken instead of beef, and not a lot of it. Beef is typically more expensive than chicken and is at a disadvantage when it comes to cardiovascular health. Chicken has fewer artery-clogging ingredients like cholesterol and saturated fat, so is certainly the best choice for those seeking a heart-healthy diet. — Allison Willson Dudas

Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole

Adapted from bhg.com

- 2 6-ounce packages long grain and wild rice mix, cooked
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 10 1/2-ounce can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh basil or 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 3 cups shredded cooked chicken

- 2 bags fresh spinach
- 1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- Optional: 1 can white beans, drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large frying pan, sauté onions in olive oil until tender. Add wine, chicken soup, basil and milk, stirring to combine. Mix in spinach and stir until wilted. Stir in rice and chicken until combined. Add beans here if you're using them. Pour into a large casserole dish and top with Parmesan. Bake for 35 minutes or until top lightly browns.

bread and Herb Ciabatta from scratch. Wed., April 1, Fri., May 15, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester. Cost is \$60. Visit finessepastries.com.

• **PATE A CHOUX** Learn how to make classic French cookies including almond and lemon sables, linzers, madeleines, palet coconut and others. Thurs., April 9, and Fri., May 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester. Cost \$60. Workshops fill up fast; register in advance. Call 232-6592, or visit finessepastries.com.

• **FRENCH MACARONS** Learn how to make the French pastry from scratch and take home macarons at the end. Thurs., April 9; Wed., April 22; Fri., May 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester. Cost \$60. Workshops fill up fast; register in advance. Call 232-6592, or visit finessepastries.com.

• **COOKING WITH CHOCOLATE** Chef Liz Barbour will lead a presentation about how to use chocolate in more than just

desserts. Presentation is the final program in the Amherst Town Libraries *Field of Dreams: Baseball, Travel & Anything Chocolate* series. Tues., April 21, at 6:30 p.m. Amherst Town Library, 14 Main St., Amherst. Call 673-2288 to register. Visit amherstlibrary.org.

• **SOUP STRATEGIES COOKING CLASS** Two-day cooking classes. Reservations for cooking class package required; includes two night accommodation, dinner, breakfast, afternoon tea, recipe book, culinary gift and cooking classes. Overnight package on Fri., May 1, through Sun., May 3, classes from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sat. and Sun. The Manor on Golden Pond, 31 Manor Drive, Holderness. Package prices range \$650-\$1,100 depending on room selection. Call 545-2141, or visit manoron-goldenpond.com.

• **HERBS TO GROW & HOW TO PRESERVE THEM** Registered Clinical Herbalist Maria Noel Groves will introduce easy-to-grow herbs for culinary and medicinal uses. Learn how

to turn herbs into dried spices, infused honeys, teas, vinegars and soda. Demonstration includes making and bringing home your own herbal honey or vinegar. Wed., May 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury. Cost is \$15, \$10 for Concord Co-op and Canterbury Shaker Village members. Visit concordfoodcoop.coop or call 225-6840.

Kids cooking classes & workshops

• **CARROT PATCH PUDDING CUPS** Children ages 3 to 6 will make a chocolate pudding with crushed oreos and baby "carrots" poking through the ground. Fri., April 3 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Sat., April 4, at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Classes are one hour long. The Culinary Playground, 16 Manning Street, Suite 105, Derry. Cost is \$16 per child. Registration required. Call 339-1664 or visit culinary-playground.com.

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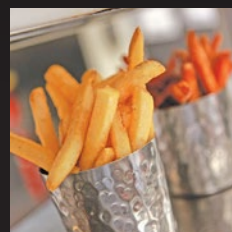
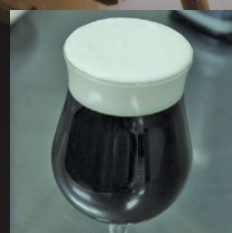
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Ideas from off the shelf

Bruschetta chicken bake

To me, something feels odd about buying stuffing in the spring. I associate the dish with winter holidays and family gatherings, so despite thinking it's delicious, I typically relegate my stuffing consumption to the winter months. But that was before I found this recipe for bruschetta chicken bake. The dish is ideal comfort food. It's flavorful and simple, and it feeds a crowd. Plus, it's pantry-friendly.

Recently, I've been struggling with what to cook for dinner. My daughter is eating table food, but in small amounts and little pieces. Because of this, I'm often making different meals for her than I do for my husband and myself.

I've been searching, mostly in vain, for recipes that will serve every member of the family. I thought stuffing would be a good option, but didn't want to make a traditional turkey and stuffing dinner. Plus, I was looking for something nutritional that I could trick my daughter into eating, as she's recently been eating around any and all suspicious-looking vegetables.

This casserole proved to be the perfect solution. It's hearty and filling and decep-



tively sneaks in some nutrition. And it can be made with low-sodium stuffing.

A can of tomatoes, a box of stuffing, water, garlic, basil and chicken and you're well on your way to a simple and delicious meal. I opted for tomatoes with Italian seasonings, but the flavor was a bit overpowering. I think the next time I make this I'll forgo the Italian seasonings, or use fresh tomatoes and add more water instead of the tomato juices from the can. I also added more basil and garlic than what the recipe called for, but was happy with the results.

The stuffing was fluffy, but crispy on the top, adding something like a crust to the casserole. The cheese was perfectly melted and added another layer of flavor. The basil could be replaced with oregano, or even something spicier like red pepper flakes, or you could season the chicken beforehand with Italian seasonings for a greater depth of flavor.

Overall, I loved how quickly the dish came together, especially on a weeknight. My husband and daughter both loved the dish — in fact, they both wanted second helpings. — *Lauren Mifsud*

Bruschetta Chicken Bake

Courtesy Stove Top

- 1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 6-ounce package stuffing mix for chicken
- ½ cup water
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces

- 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Mix tomatoes, stuffing, water and garlic until stuffing is moistened. Place the chicken in a casserole dish sprayed with cooking spray; sprinkle with basil and cheese. Top with stuffing mixture and bake for 30 minutes or until chicken is done.

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Author events/lectures

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• **HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR MOOD WITH FOOD** Holistic health coach Kelly Lang will explore key nutritional factors that influence depression, anxiety, and other mood issues. Tues., May 19, from 6-7 p.m. Fire Dept. Headquarters training room, 24 Horseshoe Pond Lane, Concord. Free. See concordfoodcoop.coop/classes. Call 225-6840 to register.

Make your own beer

Competitions, kits and hands-on help

By Stefanie Phillips
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Are you a home brewer who thinks you have what it takes to pit your beer against others' creations? If so, the Samuel Adams LongShot American Homebrewer Competition is for you.

The competition was started in 1996, but this year it's a battle of east versus west for the title. A brew from each side of the Mississippi will be chosen, along with a Samuel Adams employee winner. The submission window is May 1 to May 16.

The LongShot Competition was started by Jim Koch, founder and brewer of Samuel Adams, as a way to celebrate American home brewers, showcase their talents and "challenge the notion of what beer can be," according to a company press release. Jim began brewing beer in his kitchen more than 30 years ago, but craft beer has changed significantly since, with more than 3,000 brewers in operation, compared with only 50 in 1984.

Past LongShot winners have gone on to become professional brewers, according to Samuel Adams, and have turned their hobby into a full-blown profession. Here in New Hampshire, we have seen many new breweries emerge in the past few years, especially in the seacoast region. Many of these now-professional brewers were once home brewers experimenting in their own homes.

If you're interested in trying brews from the 2014 winners, Samuel Adams will be releasing a variety pack with two bottles each from Greg Rasmussen of California, Matthew Knot of New York and Samuel Adams employee John Marra, also of New York. Greg's winning submission was Raspy's Robust Porter, while Matthew won with Smokehouse Rauchbier and John with Dark Night In Brooklyn Dunkelweiss.

I found it particularly interesting to look through the past winners' brews, including a pineapple IPA, strawberry lager, lemon pepper saison and grape ale. This competition allows homebrewers' creativity to run the show (and they apparently like to incorporate fruit!). For official entry rules, more information and supply ordering, visit samueladams.com/longshot.

Locally, if you don't care about entering a competition but still want to brew your own beer, head over to Kettle to Keg in downtown Pembroke for supplies and own-

er Jessie Mertz will help you out. They sell custom beer kits that make homebrewing approachable.

A home brewer himself, Mertz said this hobby has an 18-percent growth rate nationwide, split between 70 percent beer brewers and 30 percent winemakers. He enjoys helping customers and guiding them through the homebrewing process. "A lot of people make both beer and wine," Mertz said, noting the equipment is generally similar. "From a kit standpoint, wine is easier."

While the process may seem intimidating, Mertz said it can be "as easy or as complicated as you make it. We have customers who are beginners to those who are 'pro' brewers."

A beginner brewing kit comes with instructions and a home brewer magazine. Wine kits are also available with step-by-step instructions. Mertz said these are easy kits, as long as the steps are followed. Kettle To Keg employees are always happy to help. "The ingredients change, but the process is consistent," Mertz said during one of my visits to the store, noting that customers come back for different supplies for alternative recipes once they get going. "We have thousands of recipes. We can custom craft a recipe to meet a brewer's needs."

For something a little bit more hands-on, you can visit IncrediBREW in Nashua, where they will help you make your own beer or wine. They have more than 80 recipes for any style of beer, including Belgian ales, wheat beers, pale ales, stouts, pilsners and more. They will help you make 13.5 gallons of beer, which equals 72 22-ounce bottles.

"If that is more than you need, bring a friend or two to split the batch and multiply the fun," says the website. Sounds like a great plan! You'll brew for two hours and then the beer stays at IncrediBREW for two weeks before you return to finish the process and bottle it with the automatic bottle washer and fillers. Costs vary, but a batch generally costs \$145, plus the cost of bottles (which are reusable after an initial investment of about \$12 per case). Once you own the bottles, your cost is about \$6 to \$7 per six pack and you can say that you actually made it!

If you're like me, you like to leave the work to someone else and enjoy the finished product at a local brewery or brewpub. Thankfully we have no shortage of those around the state either. 🍷



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This week, we celebrated spring (well, its official calendar beginning, anyway, which was March 20) with two sunny whites.

The first was the **2012 Macon Villages Chardonnay** (\$15.99 from Harvest Market in Bedford) from France. This light gold (almost white gold) colored wine had what one of us called an initial bit of "not unpleasant barnyard aroma" along with mineralness and toastiness and small hints of citrus and honey. Though many of those notes were in the flavor as well, we weren't prepared for what a balanced, full-bodied wine this is. Mellow but full, crisp and clean but also with hints of butteriness, this chardonnay doesn't have any oaky flavor but it still has the round, full feel that you hope for with a chardonnay. It was a good complement to our springy dinner of pasta and peas.

We also tried the **2012 Abadia de la Oliva Garnacha Blanca from Spain** (\$16.99 from Harvest Market in Bedford). This yellowy gold wine also had a hint of what



one of us called "funkiness" when opened but as air got to the wine the aroma of honey and honey crisp apple became more prominent. Also a full-bodied white, this wine (the varietal is often found in Spain and in the Rhone Valley in France, according to Wikipedia) had hints of green stone fruit, pear and honey flavors. This fuller, rounder white (so still big enough to stand up to the heartier early spring, late winter meals) has a pleasant mineral quality.

Each week in "Red, White & Green," the wine-lovers taste red and white wines that sell for not too much of the green, less than \$20. The goal? To find a good bottle without breaking the bank. Unless otherwise noted, the prices listed are what you'll find the bottles selling for at the New Hampshire Wine & Liquor Outlet. 🍷

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Beer, wine & liquor dinners

- **JAMESON IRISH WHISKEY DINNER** Four-course meal includes duck confit leg, roasted pork belly and seasonal fruit crumble paired with Irish whiskey. Mon., March 30, at 6

p.m. The Peddler's Daughter, 48 Main St., Nashua. Cost is \$55 per person. Call 821-7535 to register. Visit facebook.com/peddlersnashua for full menu.

- **BEER DINNER** At the Wild Rover Pub. Woodstock Brewery will feature four different beers to accompany a four course meal. Door prizes and a raffle for an overnight stay at the Woodstock Inn & Brewery. Wed., April 22, at 6:30 p.m. The Wild Rover Pub, 21 Kosciuszko St., Manchester. Cost is \$45. Call 669-7722 to register or visit wildroverpub.com.

Beer, wine & liquor festivals & special events

- **SPIRITS 101** Hour and a half session about fermentation, production basics, distillation and health effects. Includes complimentary Glencairn whiskey nosing glass. Optional tasting after the class. Sat., April 4, at 6 p.m. Djinn Spirits Distillery, 2 Townsend West, Suite 9, Nashua. Cost is \$40 for class and complimentary glass. Additional \$14.95 for tasting lab. Register at djinnspirits.com or call 262-1812.
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Beer, wine & liquor tastings

- **STUMP CITY CIDERS** Beer tasting. ID required. Sat., March 28, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Bert's Better Beers, 1100 Hooksett Road, Hooksett. Free. Visit bertsbetterbeers.com.

Tastings

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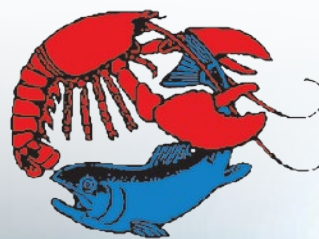
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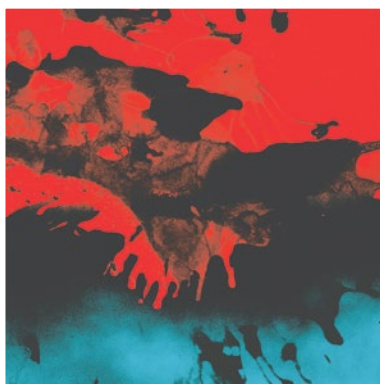
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Au.Ra, *Jane's Lament* (Felte Records)



Far from being a dream-pop album — OK, this is a dream-pop album — but there are signs of intelligence outside the usual genre rigors. For instance, “Spare the Thought” made me think of Guster, of all the bands, what with its sleepy-time barely-plugged dentist-office steez. Other than a few of those kinds of moves, though, this Aussie duo aims its debut LP squarely at fans of Primal Scream; it's a little too commercial (not that that's automatically bad in this case) to start bandying about names like Cocteau Twins, although they do enjoy the swirling-fog attributes of

such things, if not the throwback production. Kickoff tune “Morning” would fit in just as nicely as backdrop for some scene in *The Affair* while someone jogs and ponders life as it would for a monster movie, but then again we're in a renaissance of pop-culture where the Singing Nun is used as background for *American Horror Story*. Never mind all that, though — this isn't college-radio shoegaze-washout kitsch over-run with goofy vocal effects, and it's not really noise rock; it's something a lot more upbeat and radio-friendly than that. Just a little more of the kitsch would have had me running a permanent download, if that tells you anything. **B** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Goga G, *Tbilisi* (Maloos Music)



There are velvet-rope clubs in a lot of the world's cities, as you know, and each of these scenes has at least one or two DJs who are legitimately trying to break worldwide. Then there are the guys who want to pump the stock of their own city while working their way up — for example this 29-year-old Georgian, a.k.a. Goga Graffiti, who's old enough to have experienced the bleaker moments of post-Soviet turmoil, the cure for which is, obviously, chicks in leopard-pattern latex writhing to house music in space-age-looking clubs.

Tbilisi is his home city, an area whose real estate and quality of life have been in boom mode since the Rose Revolution of 2003; he's done time as a resident at several city joints, which have names like Missoni and Studio 11. This artist EP features four originals of a tech-house bent, a little industrial noise decorating the edges of winsome ditties and fractals that might remind you of Steve Lawler. There are no vocal-led singles, but all the tunes, “Zmg” in particular, have enough Rohypnol prettiness to compete with any third-shift DJ at the all-nighter places. **B** — *Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

- Wow, where do you start, with the albums threatening to come out! Let's get the mall-hipster stuff out of the way first with **Death Cab for Cutie**, whose album *Kintsugi* is due Tuesday. Wait, before we do that, did you know that very soon, new albums will be coming out on Fridays instead of Tuesdays? Logical, right, since Tuesdays are workdays, and Fridays are for pretending you have energy left after the work-week to let out your inner rock-n-roller and drunk-purchase albums you regret buying later. But yeah, this LP marks the departure of the band's founding guitarist, Chris Walla, who promised to do the album if they'd just please stop bothering him and the first single is “Black Sun,” yet another hook-phobic, Nintendo-synth-laced mess that sounds like a Phil Collins sexy-time B-side. I can hardly wait to not buy this album.

- Hockey-goalie-masked **Hollywood Undead**'s *Day of the Dead* comes out next week too. This is a rap-metal/emo-metal band which, obviously, makes for a soft target for serious wine-snorting critics like me, but I will not pound their soft little heads into the sand today, just because. The title track of this children's introduction to stale musical worthlessness is sort of about zombies and sort of about thug life, with some Avenged Sevenfold metal and some Marky Mark suburb-gangsta toasting, pretty much the most cynical nonsense I've heard in years. I haven't decided yet if the tattoos make them look tough or anachronistic; it's really a coin-toss. For ages 6 and up.

- My stars, look at all these other new albums to choose from! There's a new one from **The Prodigy**, called *The Day Is My Enemy*. How awesome is that? Will this stuff be as cool as their old rave anthems, like “Smack My Bitch Up?” You know, I brought a mix tape to my sister's wedding, and someone tore it out of the player when that song came on. Come on, can you think of anything more hipster-sexist than that song, at a wedding? Anyway, I can hardly wait; let's go see if those guys have made the conscious decision to switch from “big beat” music to “bad beat” music. Wait a second, this thing is so cool I can barely stand it, like I'm going to keel over right here — look at the evil red monster chupacabra running around in the video, check out that coldwave vibe, all that harsh anger-management noise and psycho-munchkin singing. Absolutely filthy. WAY COOL.

- We end this week on a comedic note, because **Ringo Starr** has his 18th album, *Postcards from Paradise*, coming out! Like I said on my Facebook thing recently, Ringo is the Forrest Gump of rock n roll, so it's good that I had that joke already copyrighted and trademarked, so I didn't have to make one up from scratch. As always, Ringo's mom will buy 100,000 copies, and the rest of the public will buy a total of five, and life will go on. What's that? No, I'm not going to go listen to any of Ringo's stupid new joke songs and spew more vitriol for cheap laughs. I have to have SOMETHING sacred, dammit. — *Eric W. Saeger*

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Sing on

Szczesny releases short story collection

By Kelly Sennott
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Short story publishing opportunities in New Hampshire are few and far between, so when Sid Hall of Hobbleshush Books offered to take on author (and associate Hippo publisher) Dan Szczesny's collection, *Sing, and Other Short Stories*, Szczesny jumped at the chance.

Hobbleshush had never published fiction before; the tiny Hollis company (located in a cabin surrounded by woods) is best known for its nonfiction and Granite State Poetry Series, all by New Hampshire writers. But Hall, who had worked with Szczesny for his last book, *The Nepal Chronicles*, and who also knew the writer was known locally for his hiking memoir, *The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie*, felt if anyone could jumpstart a short stories book series, Szczesny could.

Szczesny thinks what Hobbleshush is doing is remarkable.

"No publishing house, big or small, is doing a series of short stories," he said, coffee in hand during an interview at Barnes & Noble last week. "No one does that. I mean, short stories are almost dead. The whole industry."

The collection's release is Thursday, April 2, and Szczesny celebrates at a Gibson's Bookstore launch party that day at 7 p.m.

Sing is Volume I in Hobbleshush's Granite State Short Story Series, and it comprises 10 tales. All except one — "Blue Lady," the first short story Szczesny ever had published — have never seen print before. He wrote them all during different points of his life.

"I wanted the first [short story] I'd ever had published in there — it was in the Buffalo Spree, which is the Buffalo equivalent of New Hampshire Magazine — and I wanted to put together a collection that encompassed my whole career. There are stories from 1990, 1994, 1998. ... And I also wanted to have all these different styles of short stories," Szczesny said.



Dan Szczesny. Courtesy photo.

Three, including the lead, "Sing" — which, by the way, has "adult content," but Szczesny assures it was written before the whole *Fifty Shades of Grey* pop culture phenomenon — are set in New Hampshire, while the rest occur in places where Szczesny lived or traveled, including Nebraska, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Alaska and South Dakota.

Still, Szczesny says his real interest is not the places, but the people. *The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie*, published two years ago, is a hiking guide to the lesser-known New Hampshire "52 With a View" list, "But it's really about me and Janelle [his foster daughter]. It's about our relationship," he said. "*The Nepal Chronicles* is about the Mt. Everest base camp, but it's really about me and Meena [his wife]. ... I come from a blue-collar family and live in a blue-collar city, and I'm interested in blue-collar lives."

The stories are about ordinary people whose lives are interrupted by extraordinary circumstances, like traveling circuses, daytime television, shady sex businesses and the construction of Mount Rushmore.

Hall expects the company will publish one or two short story collections a year — just as with the Granite State Poetry Series — and said during a phone call that Hobbleshush is looking for submissions. Writers must be from New Hampshire or have a very strong New Hampshire connection, and manuscripts should be between 45,000 and 50,000 words.

"We want to maintain the same high level of quality we established for the Granite State Poetry series," Hall said. "We have the ability to showcase some New Hampshire writers who really deserve it. There are a plethora of great writers in New Hampshire, and we feel like we're in a unique position to do that." 🍷

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Goffstown Public Library: 2 High St., Goffstown, 497-2102, goffstownlibrary.com, Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Hooksett Public Library: 31 Mount Saint Mary's Way, Hooksett, 485-6092, hooksetlibrary.org, Thursday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m.

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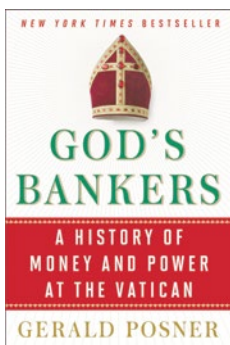
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TOP 10 Religion

For the week of March 22
(barnesandnoble.com)

1 *God's Bankers: A History of Money and Power at the Vatican*

By Gerald Posner
Hardcover,
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2 *Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence*

By Sarah Young
Hardcover, 2004

3 *Heretic: Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now*

By Ayaan Hirsi Ali
Hardcover, March 24, 2015

4 *30 Minute Seder: The Haggadah That Blends Brevity with Tradition*

By Robert Kopman, Bil Yanok
(Illustrator)
Paperback, 2007

5 *A Family Haggadah II: A Seder Service for All Ages*

By Shoshana Silberman, Katherine Janus Kahn (Illustrator)
Paperback, 2010

6 *The Goldberg Passover Haggadah*

By Nathan Goldberg
Paperback, 2003

7 *What Happens When Women Walk in Faith: Trusting God Takes You to Amazing Places*

By Lysa TerKeurst
Paperback, 2005

8 *The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts*

By Gary Chapman
Paperback, 2010

9 *The Hardest Peace: Expecting Grace in the Midst of Life's Hard*

By Kara Tippetts
Paperback, 2014

10 *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*

By Timothy Keller
Hardcover, 2014

What Comes Next and How to Like It, by Abigail Thomas (Scribner, 221 pages)

When Abigail met Chuck, she was 37 and divorced, he was 27 and married, and they both worked for a publisher, appraising manuscripts that arrived with dedications like "To my wife and children whom I love very much, and to the memory of all those who have died by choking."

The pair bonded — how could they not? — but this story doesn't go where you might think.

Abigail is Abigail Thomas, who wrote 2006's *A Three Dog Life*, a highly regarded memoir (soon to be movie) about rebuilding a life after her husband was hit by a car and suffered severe brain damage. Her new book, *What Comes Next and How to Like It*, is a quirky and deeply moving follow-up to that, with many of the same characters, including the three dogs. But this memoir focuses not on Abigail and her husband, but on Abigail's relationship with her daughter Catherine and her best friend Chuck, who played Donkey Kong together when Catherine was 9 and Chuck was 30, but went on to have an affair when Catherine was an adult.

The fallout was traumatic. Chuck lost his wife, Catherine lost her job, and the pair hid the affair from Abigail for years after it ended. When she finally learned about it, Abigail struggled to find normalcy without losing her daughter or her friend.

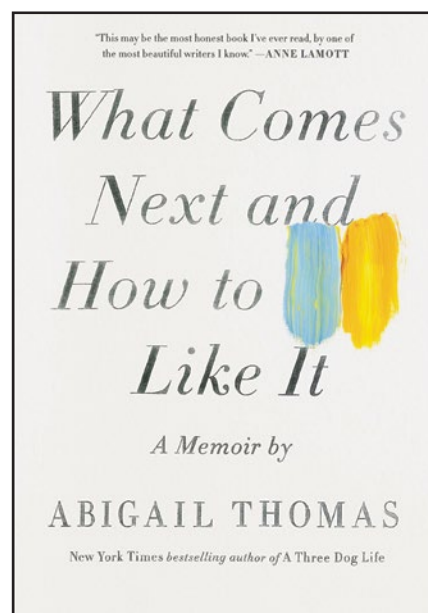
"The affair was over, so much of this was history now. I found it hard to catch up. This should have been none of my business. Love is love, after all, and I'm all for it. But because we were tangled up together, it became something done behind my back."

The story lends tension to what otherwise could have been a fine collection of essays about aging. Thomas is approaching 70, and she's basically fine with that, writing that she expects to see a blind date's face fall when they meet and cosmetic saleswomen ask if she's spent a lot of time in the sun.

Besides, she had her turn as a looker, she writes benevolently, telling stories of past loves, like the tall, black-caped man (looking "as if he had just stepped out of a Charles Dickens novel and was looking around for an orphan to save") who, within minutes of spotting her on a New York street, rented a horse-drawn carriage and wooed her on a ride through Central Park. That's one memory she's retained, even though she says big chunks of memory are disappearing, like caves off a cliff.

Her imagery is lush. A large woman at a party sits in a comfortable chair, "holding court, like an amiable spider." The mattress on her bed is "high as a wedding cake" — "When I'm up there, I feel like the ruler of a small rumpled country," she writes. When discussing burial options with Chuck, she says she's "just poking at death with a long stick to see what happens."

In and of themselves, the chapters,



which range in length from paragraphs to pages, are extraordinarily ordinary, with Thomas musing on her paintings, her dogs, and her grandchildren. But within the ordinary patter of life is this singular, spectacular voice, that of a woman who, when experiencing tingling at night, thinks, "Oh my god, I'm shorting out!" This, combined with the narrative of the strange triangle of love that

is Thomas, her daughter and her friend, makes *What Comes Next* a surprising page-turner.

What *does* come next? How does she repair her relationship with her daughter (who is diagnosed with cancer in the course of the story)? How does she remain friends with Chuck, the man she's been so close to that people complain when they were together "there might as well have been nobody else in the room?" There is sexual tension between them, too, adding another question to the mix: Will Abigail and Chuck mate, too?

No spoilers here that might diminish the strange power of a strange story, except to say read it for the love, read it for the poetry, read it for the snappy dialogue, and if nothing else, read it for Thomas' recipe for mac and cheese.

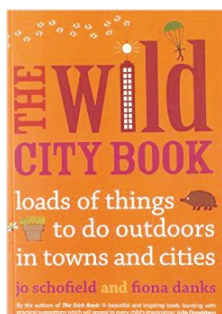
A — Jennifer Graham

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A weekly recommendation from the Concord Public Library

The Wild City Book: Loads of Things to do Outdoors in Towns and Cities

by Jo Schofield and Fiona Danks, 2014
(Non-fiction, ages 5 and up)



While the purpose of *The Wild City Book* is to get city kids back in touch with nature, this book suggests great activities for any kids, regardless of where they live. From examining nearby flora and fauna to games, art projects, music and more, the pages are chock-full of ideas for fun in the great outdoors. After such a long winter, this book will inspire all to go outside and play!

OUT NEXT WEEK

At the Water's Edge

By Sara Gruen



Hits shelves:
March 31

Author best known for: *Water for Elephants*

One-sentence review: "Unique in its setting and scope, this impeccably researched historical fiction is full of the gorgeous prose I've come to expect from this author."

— author Jodi Picoult

Book Report



• **Memoir about addiction:** This Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m., Erika Cormier visits Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com, 224-0562) to talk about her memoir about addiction, *As the Smoke Clears*. The book tells of her struggles and a descent that led to severe depression, an affair, seven psychiatric hospitalizations in five months, a suicide

attempt and an accidental overdose. According to the store website, she asks for gentleness and openness, and in return, she'll talk about conquering her demons.

• **Poetry Out Loud winner:** Dessaline Etienne from Goffstown High School is this year's Poetry Out Loud champion. He recited "Weighing In," by Rhina P. Espailat; "The Man with the Hoe," by Edwin Markham; and "The Blues Don't Change," by Al Young at the state final championship Thursday, March 13, at the Statehouse. He goes to D.C. this April to compete in the national competition, and received \$200 (plus D.C. travel expenses) and a \$500 stipend for his school for the purchase of poetry books. Runner-up was Nora Doyle of Plymouth Regional High School. The program, now in its 10th year, encourages high school students to learn the art of poetry through memorizing and reciting poems. Visit poetryoutloud.org.

• **Speaking of poetry:** Starting next Wednesday, April 1, it's National Poetry Month! Poetry-lovers are celebrating in numerous ways, including a Free Gala Poetry Festival with New Hampshire State Poet Laureate Alice Fogel Saturday, April 4, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the New Hampshire State Library, 20 Park St., Concord. The event, which promises food, beverages, books, music and mingling, is a kick-off to a week of "poetry parties" at various libraries across the state (visit or call yours to see what it's doing). Singer-songwriter Audrey Drake will also be in attendance, as will high school poet/spoken word performer Emily Breslow, among other New Hampshire writers and poets. — Kelly Sennott

Books

Author Events

• ERIKA HEBERT-CORMIER

Author presentation about memoir about addiction, *As the Smoke Clears*. Fri., March 27, at 7 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Free. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com, call 224-0562.

• TOM DAVIS

FROST Authors present new book, *The Partisan Divide: Congress in Crisis*. Sat., March 28, at 1 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Free. Call 225-0562, visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

• DR. BRUCE BRODKIN

Book signing/discussion of thriller *Spotswood*. Sat., March 28, at 2 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 12 Depot Square, Peterborough. Free. Visit toadbooks.com, call 924-3543.

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• MARYANN COCCA-LEFFLER

Discussion/presentation about book about her daughter, *Janine*. Sat., March 28, at 2 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Lorden Plaza, Milford. Visit toadstool.indiebound.com, call 673-1734.

• RICHARD HATIN

Author of *Miracle at Janet's Mountain*. Discussion Sat., March 28, at 1 p.m., at Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, 668-5557.

• **FORREST COOK** Book signing/discussion of *Money, Murder and Madness: A Banking Life*. Sat., March 28, at 11 a.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 12 Depot Square, Peterborough. Free. Visit toadbooks.com, call 924-3543.

• **BEN HEWITT** Bestselling author of *The Town That Food*

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• **SUE YOUNG QUINLAN** Discussion about *Family Practice*. RiverRun Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth. Sun., March 29, at 4 p.m. Visit riverrunbookstore.com, call 431-2100.

• **RON LIEBER** Award-winning NYT columnist, personal finance expert talks about *The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous and Smart About Money*. Mon., March 30, at 7 p.m. The Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St., Portsmouth. \$41, includes copy of book, bar beverage, book signing meet-and-greet. Call 436-2400, visit themusichall.org.

• **GREGORY BASTIANELLI** Author event, discussion of *Loonies*. Tues., March 31, at 7 p.m. Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter. Free. Visit waterstreetbooks.com, call 778-9731.

• MARK WUNDERLICH

Author event, discussion of *The Anchorage*. Reception and book signing follows. Thurs., April 2, at 7 p.m. Silver Center for the Arts, 114 Main St., Plymouth. Free; tickets available in advance to assure admission. Call 535-ARTS.

• **DAN SZCZESNY** Author event, presentation about newest book, *Sing, and Other Short Stories*. Thurs., April 2, at 7 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Free. Call 225-0562, visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

• **CHARLES SIMIC** Former U.S. Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize-winner presents two new books, *The Lunatics* and *The Life of Images* at RiverRun Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth, Thurs., April 2, at 6:30 p.m.

• **JENNIFER RICHARD JACOBSON, JO KNOWLES** Authors talk about new books, *Paper Things* and *Read Between the Lines*, respectively. Fri., April 3, at 6:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Free. Call 225-0562, visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

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April 2nd 7PM – Dan Szczesny

'Sing, and Other Short Stories' is a collection of ten tales from travel and adventure writer **Dan Szczesny**. From 1930s South Dakota—where one of the last cowboys struggles to find meaning in a modern world.

April 3rd 6:30PM – Jennifer Richard Jacobson & Jo Knowles

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Insurgent (PG-13)

The authoritarian dystopia government becomes ever more desperate to catch the troublemaking elements led by two teens in love in *The Divergent Series: Insurgent*, the second movie in what I guess will be a four-part movie series based on a three-part book series because that's the law now.

Thanks, Harry Potter.

This movie picks up more or less where *Divergent* left off with Tris (Shailene Woodley), her love interest Four (Theo James), Tris' brother Caleb (Ansel Elgort) and reluctant revolutionary Peter (Miles Teller) hiding out in Amity, the farmer faction in this divide-and-stay-conquered society. The other factions are Eudites (the bossypants group which Caleb was a member of), Dauntless (the bad-ass group, which Tris, Four and Peter ran away from), Candor (the lawyer faction) and Abegnation (the civil servant class, in which Caleb, Tris and Four all grew up, mostly destroyed in the final act of the last movie). Tris is getting itchy hanging out with the peace-and-love farmer types and wants to get back into the city to kill Jeanine (Kate Winslet), the Eudite leader who has now declared herself the ruler of all and put the rest of society under martial law. Dauntless has split into two groups, with one group still blindly following Jeanine and another group hiding out in Candor. The Jeanine-led Dauntless show up to Amity in search of Divergents — the name given to oddballs like Tris and Four who don't fit in to any one faction and who Jeanine is convinced will destroy society/upset her rule, which in her mind is the same thing. Peter, more of an act-for-himself guy, tries to turn them in but Tris, Four and Caleb escape by hitching a ride back into the city. They run



Insurgent

into a group of Factionless, people who are claimed by no faction and in the first movie are shown as homeless drifters. But here, they appear to be an underground army ready to bring down The Man.

They are led by Evelyn (Naomi Watts), Four's mother, who was long thought dead by the other Abegnation people. Turns out, she just ran off when Four was 6 years old, leaving him to deal with his physically abusive father all by himself. So, Four's not a fan. Nor, really, is Tris but she shares Evelyn's interest in killing Jeanine. Eventually Four and Tris — but not Caleb, who sort of weenies off in his own direction — bring the Factionless and the rebel Dauntless together to plan an attack on the central authority. But then Jeanine figures out how to get Tris to turn herself in, hoping that Tris' powerful Divergent nature will help her open a box that Jeanine thinks holds the secrets for wiping out all the Divergents.

Or maybe it holds the one ring to lead them all. Or maybe it holds a color wheel,

so this society where the factions are color-coded can learn a little something about mixing and matching the hues of its clothes. Forget Divergents, anyone with a multi-colored print has the power to spark revolution.

The amazing thing about *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1* is how, even though I didn't particularly care about the overall mythology of Panem and its power structure and even though I didn't believe in the love triangle between Jennifer Lawrence and the two lesser actors playing her potential beaux, I was pretty riveted. It shows that dodgy material really can be saved with prestige actors and some lively writing.

Insurgent is no *Mockingjay Part 1*. *Insurgent* isn't even as captivating as some of those late-series Harry Potter movies that felt mostly like filler. *Insurgent* feels as dull and blah as the shapeless burnt orange farmer clothes Tris wears while hiding out in Amity. Freed of the business of setting up the universe that is required in a first

movie of a series, *Insurgent* doesn't quite seem to know what to concentrate on in this movie — the romance between Tris and Four, the mounting revolution, Jeanine's increasingly severe reaction, Tris's emotional stuff (guilt over killing a character I didn't really remember from the first movie plus guilt about how her parents died). But Shailene Woodley gives Tris one speed — nervous angst — so I never quite feel what it is her central, emotional motivation is, other than maybe some revenge that she hems and haws about. Theo James is an intense costar, but the movie doesn't give him much to do other than provide some butt-kicking when required.

Really left out of the loop are Ansel Elgort, whose performance could have just as easily been given by an Ansel Elgort poster, and Miles Teller, who the movie clearly wanted to use more. Teller is this movie's Philip Seymour Hoffman, Elizabeth Banks and Woody Harrelson all rolled into one. He brings some genuine personality to his character and some energy to his scenes. He's one of the few people who feels like a recognizable human, with self-interest and conflicting emotions.

Insurgent isn't a complete failure — it moves the story along and adds new details to this strange world — but it lacks the liveliness that would allow it to entertain on its own merits and offer much to those not already invested in the story. C

Rated by PG-13 for intense violence and action throughout, some sensuality, thematic elements and brief language. Directed by Robert Schwentke with a screenplay by Brian Duffield and Akiva Goldsman and Mark Bomback (from the novel by Veronica Roth), The Divergent Series: Insurgent is an hour and 59 minutes long and distributed by Summit Entertainment. 🍷

REVIEWLETS

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Opening Soon

March 27: *Get Hard* (R) Kevin Hart teaches Will Ferrell how to survive prison; *Home* (PG) Dreamworks Animation presents the tale of an alien and the Earth girl he befriends.

April 3: *Furious 7* (PG-13) Paul Walker's final ride.

Now playing:

American Sniper (R) Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller. This biopic about soldier Chris Kyle is more outline than story and ultimately says little about the man himself. C

**Chappie* (R) Dev Patel, Sharlto Copley. Another interesting, thoughtful sci-fi from *District 9*'s Neill Blomkamp, this tale of a robot come to life is compelling despite some unevenness. B

**Cinderella* (PG) Lily James, Cate Blanchett. Pretty pretty costumes and a welcome lightness make this live-action confection a nicely classic take on the fairy tale. A-

Fifty Shades of Grey (R) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. The story might focus on a white-hot-passionate affair but the movie is a lukewarm

bowl of oatmeal. Johnson and her sweet goofiness provide what little fun the movie offers. C+

Focus (R) Will Smith, Margot Robbie. This surprisingly effervescent con-caper features highly enjoyable performances by both Smith and Robbie. B-

Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) Craig Robinson, Rob Corddry. Too stupid to be stupid fun. D

**Kingsmen: The Secret Service* (R) Colin Firth, Samuel L. Jackson.

If you like a good bespoke suit on your martini-sipping, British-accented spies, then this fun little caper is your kind of movie. B-

The Lazarus Effect (PG-13) Mark Duplass, Olivia Wilde. This horror movie about a research team working on a serum that will bring the recently dead back to life is not the worst way to spend 83 minutes. C+

Paddington (PG) Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins. The bear comes to life in this mostly charming, occasionally scary (for the littlest Paddington fans) origin story of the marmalade-loving bear. B

Run All Night (R) Liam Neeson, Ed Harris. The *Taken* series might be done but Liam Neeson will still find you and he will still kill you. B

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) Judi Dench, Bill Nighy. Most of the gang from the first movie returns to have further gentle adventures in this tale of a cutesy-wacky retirement hotel for British expats in India. B-

Unfinished Business (R) Vince Vaughn, Dave Franco. This raunchy comedy about businessmen attempting to make the big deal isn't sure what it wants to be but doesn't find the funny. C-

Second Run: *Annie* (PG) Quvenzhané Wallis, Jamie Foxx. This cutesy, middling adaptation of the musical moves the action, and many of the songs, out of the 1930s to present-day New York City.

* *Birdman* (R) Michael Keaton, Naomi Watts. 2015's best picture Oscar winner: Solid performances by Keaton and the rest of the cast make this tale about a former Hollywood actor, best-known for playing a tights-wearing superhero, turned wannabe Broadway star a bit of sparkly, meta fun. B+

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• **Magic Men** (NR, 2014) Thurs., March 26, at 7 p.m.

• **The Second Best Exotic Mari-gold Hotel** (PG, 2015) Thurs., March 26, at 2, 5:25 & 8 p.m.; Fri., March 27, at 12:40, 3:15, 5:50 & 8:25 p.m.; Sat., March 28, at 12:40, 3:15, 5:50 & 8:25 p.m.; Sun., March 29, at 12:40, 3:15 & 5:50 p.m.; Mon., March 30, at 2:05, 5:25 & 8 p.m.; Tues., March 31, at 2:05, 5:25 & 8 p.m.; Wed., April 1, at 2:05, 5:25 & 8 p.m.; & Thurs., April 2, at 2:05, 5:25 & 8 p.m.

• **Mr. Turner** (R, 2014) Thurs., March 26, at 2:05 p.m.; Fri., March 27, at 2 p.m.; Sat., March 28, at 2 p.m.; Mon., March 30, at 2 & 5:40 p.m.; & Tues., March 31, at 2 p.m.

• **What We Do in the Shadows** (NR, 2015) Thurs., March 26, at 2:10, 5:35 & 7:30 p.m.; Fri., March 27, at 2 p.m.; Sat., March 28, at 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 p.m.; Sun., March 29, at 2 p.m.; Mon., March 30, at 2:10, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Tues., March 31, at 2:10 p.m.; Wed., April 1, at 2:10, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.; & Thurs., April 2, at 2:10, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

• Wild and Scenic Film Festival Fri., March 27, at 7 p.m.

• **Kidon** (NR, 2014) Sat., March 28, at 8 p.m.

• **Jon Imber's Left Hand** (NR, 2014) Sun., March 29, at 12:30 p.m.

• **God's Slave** (NR, 2013) Sun., March 29, at 2:30 p.m.

• **Deli Man** (PG-13, 2013) Sun., March 29, at 4:30 p.m.

• **Woman in Gold** (PG-13, 2015) Wed., April 1, at 2, 5:25 & 8 p.m.; Thurs., April 2, at 2:5:25 & 8 p.m.

• **The Lost World** (1925) Fri., April 3, at 7 p.m., silent film with music by Jeff Rapsis

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• **The Second Best Exotic Mari-gold Hotel** (PG, 2015) Thurs., March 26, through Thurs., April 2, at 7:30 p.m.

• **The Theory of Everything** (PG-13, 2014) Thurs., March 26,

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• **None But the Lonely Heart** (1944) Sat., March 28, at 4:30 p.m.

• **The Ten Commandments** (1923) Sun., March 29, at 4:30 p.m.

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• **Behind the Beautiful Forever** (National Theatre Live) Thurs., March 26, at 6 p.m.

MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY
405 Pine St., Manchester, NH 03104, 624-6550, manchester.lib.nh.us

• **Ghostbusters** (PG, 1984) Wed., April 1, at 1 p.m.

• **The Prisoner of Zenda** (1922) Tues., April 7, at 6 p.m., silent film with music by Jeff Rapsis

• **Godzilla** (PG-13, 2014) Wed., April 8, at 1 p.m.

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• **The Theory of Everything** (PG-13, 2014) Fri., March 27, at 3 p.m.

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• **Annie** (PG, 2014) Sat., March 28, at 2 p.m.

• **Interstellar** (PG-13, 2014) Tues., March 31, at 6 p.m.

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• **Casablanca** (PG, 1942) Sun., March 29, at 1:15 p.m.

• **The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly** (NR, 1966) Sun., April 12, at 1:15 p.m.

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• **The Duke of Burgundy** (NR, 2014) Thurs., March 26, at 7 p.m.

• **Food Chains** (documentary, 2014) Thurs., March 26, at 7 p.m.

• **Leviathan** (R, 2014) Fri., March 27, at 7 p.m.; Sun., March 29, at 2 p.m.; Thurs., April 2, at 7 p.m.

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• **Russian National Ballet: Giselle** Sat., April 4, at 4 p.m.

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• **Dueling Starships:** The Mickey Thomas version hit town recently; now the only edition of **Jefferson Starship** with an original member performs a local show. Paul Kantner founded the group with Marty Balin back in the '60s. The current touring band includes David Freiberg, who co-founded another big San Francisco band, Quicksilver Messenger Service. See Jefferson Airplane on Thursday, March 26, 8 p.m. at Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry. See tupelohall.com.

• **Pond crosster:** Although born in England, singer-songwriter **Bobby Long** taps into an Americana vein for most of his music, and he moved to New York City a few years ago. His forthcoming album, made in Austin, evokes Leonard Cohen on one preview track ("The Song The Kids Sing"). Another new song, "1985," has a Ryan Adams vibe to it. See Bobby Long on Friday, March 27, 8 p.m. at Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St., Portsmouth. Tickets \$12 at themusichall.org.

• **Songbook singer:** Canadian-born singer **Cat Faulkner** joins the Skip Poole-directed Capitol Jazz Orchestra Small Group in paying tribute to great American songwriters George Gershwin and Cole Porter. Gorgeous melodies and urbane lyricism marked this timeless music; Faulkner's reverence for their tunes is clear. 'S Wonderful & De-Lovely - An Evening Of George Gershwin & Cole Porter on Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. at Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. Tickets \$25-\$35 at ccanh.com.

• **String kings:** Innovative bluegrass band **Hot Rize** has only performed sporadically in the past decade but last summer saw its first new album in 20 years, and began touring. The group — multi-instrumentalist Tim O'Brien, flatpick guitarist Bryan Sutton, banjo player Pete Wernick and bassist Nick Forster — play a Western Swing set in disguise to start the show. See Hot Rize on Sunday, March 29, 7 p.m. at Silver Center, 114 Main St., Plymouth. Tickets \$30-\$45 at plymouth.edu.

• **Rock cinema:** For the many fans that never saw **Led Zeppelin** live, clips from the classic rock band's best shows suffice. A one-night movie event includes footage from 1970's Royal Albert Hall Show through their appearance at the Knebworth Festival in 1979, near the end of the official band (John Bonham in September 1980). Classic Music Series: Led Zeppelin on Monday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at Cinemagic & IMAX, 1226 Hooksett Road, Hooksett. Tickets are \$15.

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NITE Friendly trip

Secondhand Serenade and Ryan Cabrera team for tour

By Michael Witthaus
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Secondhand Serenade and Ryan Cabrera share the stage at Manchester's Jewel Nightclub on April 2, and it's more than a musical double bill. Bandleader John Vesely and Cabrera are old friends and one-time roommates; with both pushing new projects, hitting the road together seemed like the right move.

"You can't think of a better scenario than to tour with your friends, especially when you're a fan of your friends," Cabrera said by phone prior to a show at San Francisco's Fillmore, describing his relationship with Vesely as "two goofy-ass nerds playing music."

During meet-and-greets, "Our antics are a little bit out there, but we have fun," he said. "We try to give fans an extra special experience at our shows."

The easygoing rocker has a habit of recruiting pals to projects. Cabrera's new video "House on Fire" includes old karaoke buddy Dennis Haskins (*Saved by the Bell*), Shannon Tweed and Efen Ramirez, who played Pedro in *Napoleon Dynamite*. Christian Lamb (Madonna, Tori Amos) directed the clip, which follows Cabrera after he's fired from his job and dumped by his girlfriend via text; all ends happily with a new girl and a SoCal beach sunset.

The song leads off a new EP *Wake Up Beautiful*, Cabrera's first collection of new material in six years. The friendly vein continues with "Sing Along," a rowdy track

Ryan Cabrera and Secondhand Serenade

An acoustic set by Manchester native Josh Logan (The Voice) will open the show, which also includes Nick Thomas (Spill Canvas), Wind In Sails and Run-away Saints.

When: Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m.

Where: Jewel Nightclub, 61 Canal St., Manchester

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Night Life Music, Comedy & Parties

• **FROST HEAVES** at Peterborough Players Theater (55 Hadley Road, Peterborough 827-2905) on Friday and Saturday, March 27 & 28, 8 p.m. \$18 - An all-new show; as always, the Speed Bumps band play favorite oldies and Fred Marple will bring the news from Frost Heaves, the

most under-appreciated town in New Hampshire.

• **THE GROOVETONES** at Moose Lodge #443 (45 Chestnut St., Dover 436-4753) on Friday, March 27, 8 p.m. 60's and 70's rock and roll cover songs - guests are welcome and for the evening at this smoke free club.

• **A CAPPELLA EXTRAVAGANZA** at Derryfield School Theatre (2108 River



Ryan Cabrera. Courtesy photo.

with an old Irish pub feel. Cabrera recorded the opening bars on his iPhone.

"To be honest, I was actually a couple cocktails in, in my backyard with a group of my friends having a party, and we were just jamming," Cabrera said. "I wanted that to be the opening part ... because I thought that was kind of cool and special to capture, me and my friends singing along with me."

Wake Up Beautiful was released March 3; a full album is expected later this year. Is Cabrera excited to finally head out with a new batch of songs after such a long time?

"Absolutely, you have no idea," he said. "Being in the studio is different. I mean, it's fun, you get to record, and the creative process is obviously fun for me because I love to write, but the best part for me, the reward, is getting to perform. ... The first night of the tour, we played all the EP and then a couple new songs that nobody had

ever heard. Getting to see everybody dance to them was pretty awesome."

He took an unhurried approach in making the record, working with producer Justin Gray (John Legend, Joss Stone, Amy Winehouse).

"I didn't care about what the business says about how long you wait — whatever. For me, all that mattered was the music," Cabrera said. "I wasn't going to put anything out until I felt like it was ready."

Cabrera is the first act on Dynamite Music, a boutique label launched by Marco Liuzzo and Mitchell Davis, son of industry legend Clive Davis.

"Ryan is a true artist and gem of a soul," the younger Davis told *Billboard* Magazine upon signing him last June. "The music we have been working on together shows amazing growth as an artist and most importantly is fantastic."

Artistically, Cabrera is happy with the new deal.

"I couldn't have a better team all across the board, from management to label to everything," he said. "They all understand that it's a very weird, interesting business. ... It's a lot of hard work, and when you do it the way I did it, it makes it even harder. But I have no problem doing that. I wanted the music to be as good as I could write. I wasn't going to do it until it was time."

In his early days, Cabrera drew inspiration from Dave Matthews; lately, his personal playlist has a throwback feel.

"I'm kind of an old-school dude," he said. "When I'm at home, I listen to Sam Cooke, Thelonious Monk, Allman Brothers, Paul Simon. I'm very drawn to a lot of classics."

His contemporary favorites are similarly inspired.

"I am a huge fan and have been for a very long time of Sam Smith and what he's doing," Cabrera said. "My main influences right now are a lot of old-school, real-deal guys who just wrote great songs that weren't really about production or what they should sound like on the radio. They're just great songs." 🍷

• **ED GERHARD** at Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St., Portsmouth 483-4472) on Sunday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. Rescheduled - Gerhard captivates audiences with a combination of virtuosity, generosity and humor.

• **HOT RIZE** at Silver Center for the Arts (114 Main St., Plymouth 535-2787) on Sunday, March 29, 8 p.m.

Over their long career, Hot Rize has regrouped to headline only a handful of the top festivals each year. Last summer the band released its first studio album in over 20 years and are on the road.

• **BALLROOM DANCE PARTY** at Lions Club Hall (176 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry 622-1500) weekly on Sundays, 7 p.m. \$8/person - Queen City Ballroom



GIRL POWER

Fresh off the success of last year's Platinum Tour, Miranda Lambert appears Thursday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. at Verizon Wireless Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester). One critic raved, "Lambert busted out of the gate like a woman possessed and didn't take her foot off the pedal for 85 minutes," while another wrote, "Lambert works the same thematic turf about growing up and growing older in rural America as her (almost entirely male) competitors atop the country charts - she just does it way better than they do." Tickets are \$50-\$245 at ticketmaster.com.

presents ballroom, Latin and swing music; dancing on hardwood floor. Singles and couples welcome. Beginner-friendly. Potluck allowed.

• **IRISH BALLADEER** at Derry Public Library (64 East Broadway, Derry 432-6140) on Monday, March 30, 6:30 p.m. Free - Paul Carroll performs. Paul grew up in Dublin during the ballad boom of the 60s where the pubs were packed with folk singers and ballad groups.

• **RED MOLLY** at Peterborough Players Theater (55 Hadley Road, Peterborough 827-2905) on Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m. \$20-\$23 Female Americana trio, plays roots/Americana/bluegrass music featuring three-part harmonies with banjo, Dobro and guitar. Lucy Wainwright Roche opens the show.

• **UNH TRADITIONAL JAZZ SERIES** at Paul Creative Arts Center (30 Academic Way, Durham 862-2939) on Monday, April 6, 8 p.m. \$8 - Jim Cullum Jazz Band is renowned worldwide for playing the classic jazz associated with King Oliver, Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton and Bix Beiderbecke, among others.

• **ALPIN HONG** at Silver Center for the Arts (114 Main St., Plymouth 535-2787) on Wednesday, April 8, 8 p.m. Pianist Alpin Hong has been called "Victor Borge, Horowitz, and Billy Joel all in one" for his unique combination of stunning technique, emotional range and humor that brings audiences young and old to their feet.

• **ANTJE DUVEKOT** at Simple Gifts Coffeehouse (UU Church 58 Lowell St., Nashua 320-7751) on Saturday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. \$16/advance, \$18/DOS - Duvokot has solidified her reputation as one of Boston's top singer songwriters with her provocative and thoughtful lyrics and melodies.

• **HEIFETZ ON TOUR** at Brewster Academy (205 S. Main St., Wolfeboro 569-2151) on Saturday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. \$20 - Friends of Wolfeboro Music - The annual homecoming concert of Institute gradu-

ates is a must-see for classical music lovers.

• **CHIPPY & THE YA-YAS** at Newmarket Polish American Club (18 Central St., Newmarket 659-6377) on Saturday, April 11, 8 p.m. Dance to rock music from the band - open to all.

• **THE BEL AIRS** at Bedford Public Library (3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford 472-2300) on Sunday, April 12, 2:30 p.m. Free. Friends of the Bedford Library continues with Doo Wop music.

• **STUDENT JAZZ COMBOS** at Paul Creative Arts Center (30 Academic Way, Durham 862-2939) on Monday, April 13, 7 p.m. University of New Hampshire Department of Music presents UNH Student Jazz Combos, directed by Mark Shilansky and David Newsam.

• **MUSIC'S ON THE MENU** at Grace Episcopal Church (106 Lowell St., Manchester 644-4548) on Wednesday, April 15, 12 p.m. Faculty from Manchester Community Music School perform during this free brown bag lunch concert series. Mark Cleveland, Voice; and guest.

• **MIAMI NIGHTS** at Sky Meadow Country Club (6 Mountain Laurels Drive, Nashua 598-1582) on Friday, April 17, 6 p.m. \$50 - This throwback to the 80's will feature Stoli Miami Vice martinis, Cuban food, music, salsa dancing and a Miami Vice look-alike contest.

Open Mic

• **AUBURN PITTS** (167 Rockingham Road, Auburn 622-6564) Blues Jam/Open Mic with Tom Ballerini Thursdays at 7
• **BACK ROOM AT THE MILL** (2 Central St., Bristol 744-0405) Fridays - Music Open Mic

• **BEARA IRISH BREWING COMPANY** (2800 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth) Irish Sessions Saturday 2-5 p.m.

• **BLACK SWAN INN** (354 West Main St., Tilton 286-4524) Sundays - Open mic with Meg Josalen & guests

• **BLUE MERMAID ISLAND GRILL** (409 The Hill, Ports-

mouth 427-2583) Wednesdays

• **CARA IRISH PUB** (11 Fourth St., Dover 343-4390) Irish Sunday, Bluegrass Tuesday

• **CHAPANGA'S** (168 Elm St., Milford 249-5214) Thursdays - Open Mic w/Joe McDonald

• **CLARK'S ON THE CORNER** (40 Nashua St., Milford 769-3119) Second Thursday - Open Mic with Charlie Christos
• **COVERED BRIDGE** (Cedar St., Contoocook 746-5191) Wednesdays - Open mic with Derek Astles

• **DANIEL STREET TAVERN** (111 Daniel St., Portsmouth 430-1011) Wednesdays - Open Mic Jam Night

• **FRATELLO'S MANCHESTER** (155 Dow St., Manchester 624-2022) Thursdays - Jazz w/Ferdinando Argenti Trio

• **GIUSEPPE'S RISTORANTE** (312 Daniel Webster Hwy, Meredith 279-3313) Sundays - Lou Porrazzo

• **HUNGRY BUFFALO** (58 New Hampshire 129, Loudon 798-3737) Thursdays - Open mic with Mikey G

• **J'S TAVERN** (63 Union Sq., Milford 554-1433) Mondays

• **MAD HATTER BAR & GRILL** (99 Route 13, Brookline 672-1800) Tuesdays - Blues Jam with Nic Pacheco

• **NHTUNES** (250 Commercial St. Suite 2017, Manchester 660-2208) Mondays

• **PENUCHE'S ALE HOUSE** (6 Pleasant St., Concord 228-9833) Sundays - Open Mic

• **RACKS BAR & GRILL** (20 Plaistow Road, Plaistow 974-2406) Thursdays - Blues Jam with Steve Devine

• **RIVERWALK COFFEE ROASTERS** (35 Railroad Sq., Nashua 578-0200) Fridays - Original Music/Poetry

• **SONNY'S TAVERN** (83 Washington St., Dover 742-4226) Mondays - Dave Talmadge Honky Tonk Jam

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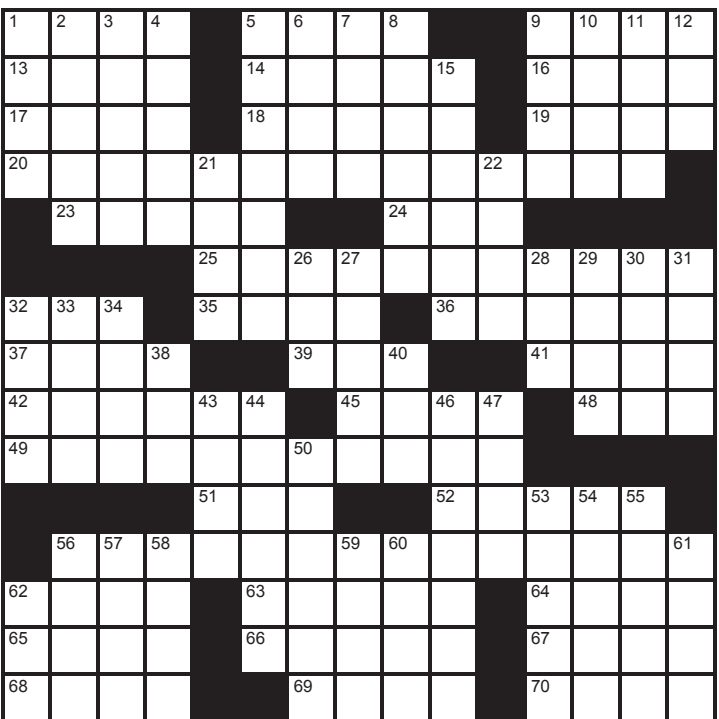
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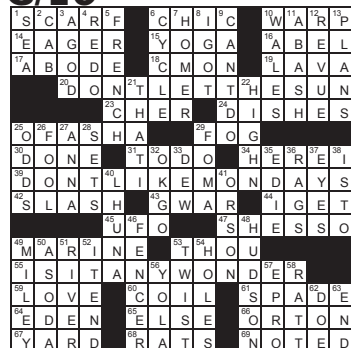
Across

1. What stoners sneak in
5. Dee Snider put his mascara on one
9. Punk rocker Jett
13. Baked Helmet song?
14. Where smartest rockers went
16. Aretha Franklin '____, Oh My' (2,2)
17. Starving band pay
18. Organs keyboardists don't want to rock



19. Incubus 'Morning ____'
20. Smaller, finite album pressing (7,7)
23. Was 'Gone' to Johnny Cash
24. Dedicated lines
25. Monkee that wrote 'Different Drum' (4,7)
32. Boston '____ Easy'
35. Guster song Adam and Eve like?
36. Switzerland has a Freddie Mercury on Lake Geneva
37. Sing/songster Lisa that did 'Stay'
39. The Who 'You Better You ____'
41. What Queen fans do, for Freddie
42. Shock rockers push them
45. The Cult 'Earth ____'
48. Catch a few z's on tour
49. Queen 'I'm Going ____' (8,3)
51. Musical generation
52. Death Cab For Cutie 'Lack Of ____'

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56. Queen's '76 album (1,3,2,3,5)
62. 'Shimmer' rockers
63. Caesars 'Jerk ____' (2,3)
64. "Awright!" alternative
65. Canadian Murray
66. Eagle Eye Cherry's sister
67. Leather And ____
68. 'Mr Roboto' rockers
69. 'Give It All' ____ Against
70. Humans to egomaniacal rock stars?

Down

1. What you do at sweltering festival
2. Get around security
3. 'Somebody ____ a doctor' Van Halen (3,2)?
4. Type of mail manager can't use anymore
5. Giant 80s festival (4,3)
6. Dedicated fan
7. Show spot
8. Jesus And Mary Chain smash (4,2)
9. 'Livin' On A Prayer' Bon ____
10. "Four dead in ____" CSN&Y
11. POD's final word, perhaps
12. Enuff Z'nuff hit '____ Thing'
15. 50s rockers "photos"
21. Green Day "I hope you had the ____ of your life"
22. Record company "look-see" market
26. Bluesy guitarist/singer ____ Mo'

27. Lit 'My Own Worst ____'
28. Need one to get to next gig
29. Tyrese 'Get ____' (2,2)
30. Casady & Kaukonen band Hot ____
31. 'Sweet Freedom' Uriah ____
32. Band problems
33. Hard work of making it
34. Tour 18-wheeler
38. ____ Star
40. Heads The Heartbreakers
43. ____ Might Be Giants
44. What most rocker marriages get put under
46. Pete Townshend '____ Face' (4,3)
47. Tour bus "bouquet"
50. Replacement singer
53. "____, you got me on my knees" Clapton
54. Led Zeppelin 'The ____'
55. What rockers do w/tribute show
56. Syd Barrett 'Gigolo ____'
57. Default song that says it ain't so?
58. Rush's Lifesong
59. Hung out w/Tony and Tone
60. 'Rock The Boat' ____ Corporation
61. "____ gone, oh I, I'd better learn how to face it"
62. 'Stranger's In The Night' singer's initials

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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

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Windham
Common Man: Chris Lester

Friday, March 27
Auburn
Auburn Pitts: Nicole Knox
 Murphy

Belmont
Lakes Region Casino: DJ Russ

Boscawen
Alan's: Jimmy Howe

Claremont
New Socials: Evan Goodrow

Concord
Makris: Brickyard Blues
Penuche's Ale House: Dusty
 Grey Band
Pit Road Lounge: Fuzz Boxx
Red Blazer: Jim Tyrrell
Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz
True Brew: People Skills

Contoocook
Covered Bridge: Nuff Said

Derry
Drae: Joel Cage

Dover
Asia: DJ Shadow Walker
Cara: Club night, DJ Shawnyy O
 Fury's: Amulus
Top of the Chop: Funkadelic
 Fridays

Epping
Holy Grail: Aaron Denny
Telly's: Brian Johnson

Gilford
Patrick's: Brad Myrick

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Kim Riley

Hampton
Savory Square: Max Sullivan
Wally's Pub: Done By 9

Hanover
Canoe Club: Keith Bush

Henniker
Country Spirit: Reid
Sled Pub: Marc Wydom

Hillsborough
Mama McDonough's: Scott
 Snake Miller & The Helljacks

Turismo: Red House Road

Hooksett
Asian Breeze: George Belli &
 The Retroactivists

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Kieran McNally
Whippersnappers: Groove
 Alliance

Manchester
Central Ale House: DJ Vicious/
 DJ SP1 Mother Funkin Fridays
City Sports Grille: Sweet Rock
Club 313: DJ Bob
Derryfield: Ripcord
Drynks: DJs Jason Spivak &
 Sammy Smoove
Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh
Jewel: Frank Hannon of Tesla
N'awlins Grille: Sharon Jones
Penuche's: Aqueous/Mister F
 Raxx: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: Four Legged Faithful
Strange Brew: Jimmy East
 Blues Bunch
Tin Roof: Hizzy
Wild Rover: Stu'n Chip
Zaboo: Dueling Pianos

Merrimack
Homestead: Charlie Christos
Pacific Fusion: Bad Medicine
 of NH

Milford
Tiebreakers: Brad Bosse

Nashua
Country Tavern: Jackie Lee
Fody's: Friday Radio Star
Haluwa: Rock City
O'Shea's: Joe Fuzz
Peddler's Daughter: 3rd Left
Riverwalk Cafe: Lindsay Lou
 & The Flatbellys
Stella Blu: Chad Verbeck Duo
Wicked Twisted: DJ Music

New Boston
Molly's: Peter Pappas/Brian Weeks

Newmarket
Stone Church: Jubilee Riots w/
 Red Tail Hawk

Peterborough
Harlow's: A Fine Connection

Pittsfield
Molly's Pittsfield: Brok Griffith

Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: Don Severance
Demeters: Michael Troy

Dolphin Striker: Los Sugar
 Kings
Martingale: Tim Theriault &
 Jamie DeCato
Oar House: Bob Arens
Portsmouth Book & Bar:
 Emma Beaton/Nic Gareiss/Blair
 McMillan
Portsmouth Gaslight: DJ Koko
 P/Johnny Angel/Tony Santesse
Press Room: Shango 10
Red Door: DJ Lord Bass
Ri Ra: Cover Story
Rudi's: Duke & John Hunter
Thirsty Moose: Sweatpants in
 Public

Raymond
Cork n Keg: Off Duty Angels

Rochester
Radloff's: Dancing Madly
 Backwards Duo
Smokey's Tavern: Matt Gelinas

Somersworth
Old Rail Pizza: Justin Cohen

Sunapee
Sunapee Coffeehouse: Rupert
 Wates

Weare
Stark House: Amanda Cote

Saturday, March 28
Belmont
LR Casino: Jodie Cunningham

Boscawen
Alan's: Lisa Guyer

Bristol
Rumor Mill: Paul Hubert

Concord
Penuche's Ale House: Holmes
Pit Road Lounge: Powerlock
Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz
True Brew: Trunk of Funk

Contoocook
Covered Bridge: Lauren Hurley

Derry
Drae: Alan Roux

Dover
Asia: DJ Shadow Walker
Cara: Club night, DJ Shawnyy O
Fury's: Superfrog
Sonny's: Jonee Earthquake

Epping
Telly's: Chad Verbeck

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Friday, March 27
Concord
Capitol Center:
 Capitol Steps

Laconia
Pitman's: Mike Porter/
 Corey Rodrigues/Miki
 Fizzi

Sat., March 28
Manchester
Drynks: Saturday Night
 Large w/ Woody Wood
 & Louie Martinez

Headliners: Mark Scalia
Mon., March 30
Concord
Penuche's: Open Comedy

Wednesday, April 1
Londonderry
Whippersnappers:
 Comedy on Purpose

Manchester
Murphy's: Open Mic
Shaskeen: George
 Hamm, Joe Ricchio

Thursday, April 2
Derry
Halligan Tavern: Jeff
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Village Trestle: Roxanne & the
Voodoo Rockers

Hampton

Savory Square: Sharon Jones
Wally's: Among The Living

Hanover

Canoe Club: Ameranouche

Henniker

Sled Pub: Crab Shack Band

Hooksett

Tap House: Wooden Soul

Hudson

JD Chaser's: Michael Spaulding

Laconia

Pitman's: Blues Tonight Band

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Brad Bosse
Whippersnappers: Tigerlily

Manchester

City Sports: Rachel Band
Club 313: Life's A Drag Hosted
by Monique
Derryfield: Nimbus 9
Fratello's: Steve Sibulkin
Karma: The Hallorans
Midnight Rodeo: Country Mile
N'awlins Grille: Acoustic Baza
Penuche's: Boo Boo Groove
Raxx: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: Boogie on Alice
Strange Brew: Session 450
Thrifty's: Timmy Brown &
Black Diamond Country
Tin Roof: Stereowolf
Wild Rover: D-Comp Duo
Zaboo: Open Bar Band

Merrimack

Homestead: Charlie Christos

Milford

Aden China: DJ Brian
J's Tavern: Russell Hill
Union Coffee: Dylan Szabad

Nashua

Amsterdam: Casual 6
Boston Billiard Club: DJ
Anthem Throwback
Country Tavern: Joe McDonald
Fody's: Shakedown
Haluwa: Rock City
O'Shea's: The Amazing Jenni
Lynn Band
Peddler's Daughter: EBS
Riverwalk Cafe: Donkilo! Afro
Funk Orkestra

Stella Blu: Chad Beck Duo

New Boston

Molly's: Pete Smith/B3

Newbury

Goosefeathers: WGIR Radio

Newmarket

Stone Church: Smooth Antics/
On The Spot Trio

Newport

Salt Hill Pub: Almost Even

Pittsfield

Molly's: Brian Weeks

Plaistow

Racks: George Belli & The
Retroactivists

Portsmouth

Blue Mermaid: Pat Hall and
Dave Drouin Duo
British Beer: Almost Famous
Demeters: Sounds of Sinatra
Dolphin Striker: Amorphous
Band
Fat Belly's: DJ Provo
Hilton Garden: Dave Gerard
Martingale: Brandon Lapere
Oar House: Peter Black
Portsmouth Book & Bar:
High Range
Portsmouth Gaslight: DJ
Koko P/SEV/Brad Myrick
Press Room: Gretchen and the
Pickpockets with The Snaz
Red Door: DJ Ryan Obermiller
Rudi's: Pj Donahue Trio
Thirsty Moose: Lost Articles

Raymond

Cork n Keg: Chippy and the
Ya Ya's

Rochester

Smokey's Tavern: Dan Walker

Salem

Barking Bean: Dave LaCroix

Seabrook

Chop Shop: Doubleshot Boston

Sunapee

One Mile West: 80's Night w/
DJ Traci Fulton

Warner

The Local: The Greenlights

Weare

Stark House: Mike & Danielle

Wilton

Local's Cafe: Gil Correia Band

Sunday, March 29
Bedford

Copper Door: Joe McDonald

Concord

Hermanos: Paul Lovely

Dover

Cara: Irish Session w/ Carol
Coronis & Ramona Connelly
Sonny's: Jazz w/ Zach Lange

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Blues Jam

Hanover

Canoe Club: Dan Freihofer

Hillsborough

Mama McDonough's: Brad
Bosse

Manchester

British Beer: Bloody Blues
Brunch - Sara Thompson Band
Drynk: Beach Bash w/ Sammy
Smooove
Shaskeen: Rap, Industry night
Strange Brew: One Big Soul -
Sit Session
Zaboo: Hot Like Fire

Meredith

Giuseppe's: Open Stage with
Lou Porrazzo

Milford

Union Coffee: James Maple &
Zach Schmidt

Portsmouth

Dolphin Striker: Jim Gallant
Portsmouth Book & Bar: Matt
Heaton
Press Room: Jazz
Red Door: Green Lion Crew

Rochester

Radloff's: James McGarvey

Monday, March 30
Concord

Hermanos: Craig Jaster

Hanover

Canoe: Marko The Magician

Londonderry

Whippersnappers: Monday's
Muse - Lisa Guyer w/ Chad
LaMarsh

Manchester

Fratello's: Rob Wolfe
N'awlins Grille: Nate Comp

Merrimack

Homestead: Chris Cavanaugh

Newmarket

Stone Church: Wild Eagle
Blues Band

Portsmouth

Dolphin Striker: Old School
Press Room: Nick Goumas

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Door: Hush Hush -
Nathaniel Norton Freeman/B.
A. Canning + Gregg Rothwell
Ri Ra: Oran Mor

Raxx: DJ Mike
Strange Brew: Funky All-Stars

Gilford
Patrick's: Hump Day Hits w/
DJ Megan

Merrimack
Homestead: Paul Luff

Newmarket
Stone Church: Bluegrass Jam
w/Dave Talmage

Peterborough
Harlow's: Celtic Music Night

Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: Seldom Play-
rights (Hank & Cash)
Dolphin Striker: Dave Gerard
Press Room: Jazz Jam/Hoot

Sunapee
One Mile West: Brooks Hub-
bard

Wednesday, April 1
Dover
Fury's: The Feel Goods

Manchester
Jade Dragon: Copacabana
Salsa Night
N'awlins Grille: Acoustic
Night
Strange Brew: Joe Riillo
Zaboo: 3 Kings w/ Midas, Li-
uid X & Pharoah

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Elijah Clark
Red Door: Red On Red w/
Evaredy (Ladies Night)
Ri Ra: Great Bay Sailor

Rochester
Lilac City Grille: Ladies Night
Music
Radloff's: Tony Santesse -
Ladies Night

Tuesday, March 31
Concord
Hermanos: Craig Jaster

Dover
Fury's: Tim Theriault
Sonny's: Soggy Po' Boys

Hanover
Canoe Club: Ed Eastridge

Londonderry
Whippersnappers: VJ Mark/
DJ Box

Manchester
Drynk: Sammy Smoove & DJ
Gera
Fratello's: Kim Riley
Milly's: Manchuka
N'awlins: John Chouinard

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urday, April 4, 8 p.m. Tupelo
• **Rain - Tribute to Beatles** Monday, April 6, 8 p.m. Lowell Memorial Auditorium
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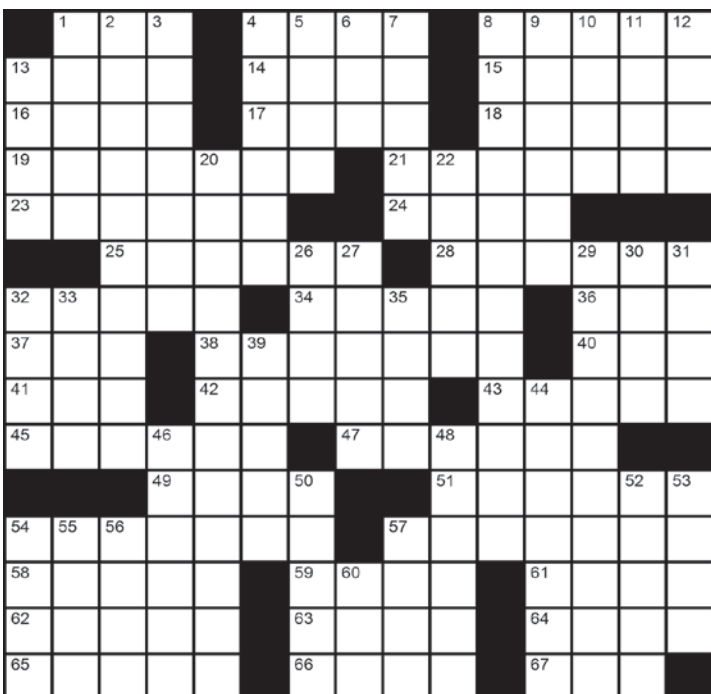
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Across

- 1 Lyricist Gershwin
4 Some click them nervously
8 Martini's winemaking partner
13 Wander far and wide
14 Brickell who married Paul Simon
15 Smoove B's newspaper, with
16 "Buffy" role
17 Be a gawker
18 Suit
19 Turn a monkey into a donkey, e.g.
21 Conductor's address



- 23 "Don't be a fool, stay in ____"
24 Depression fighter
25 Garfield's girlfriend
28 Take responsibility
32 Guy who'd probably interrupt this clue because the answer's not "Beyonce"
34 Established principle
36 "No one person could have broken up a band" speaker
37 Bill the Cat's outburst
38 Fig Newtons maker
40 "____ be an honor!"
41 SMH or FTW, slangily
42 It's often unaccounted for
43 Some iPods
45 Financial center of Switzerland
47 "____ to Zoom..."

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- 49 Part
51 Business tycoons
54 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Mike
57 Take the penalty, perhaps
58 The "Dark Side of the Moon" cover has one
59 ____ Khalifa (world's tallest building)
61 "I didn't mean anything ____!"
62 Radiating glows
63 Water, in Oaxaca
64 Race parts
65 Overflows
66 "How you like ____ apples?"
67 Flock member

Down

- 1 Classical column style
2 R&B's most notable sitarist?
3 Relating to love
4 Magazine with an easy crossword
5 U2 guy, with "The"
6 Zero, to Man U
7 Comes across as
8 Early part of the week devoted to De Niro, Urich and Smith?
9 Newborn's cover
10 Go (through)
11 Evening, in France
12 Digging
13 Head-butters

- 20 Classic MTV hip-hop show about felonies before Easter?
22 Trade gp.
26 Arrests
27 They're noted on flights
29 Certain sharp treetop?
30 Archaic preposition
31 Work areas
32 TV cartoon therapist Dr. ____
33 They've got the rights stuff
35 "It makes sense"
39 Reacted to a laser light show
44 OK to show, like a news clip
46 2001 Penn/Pfeiffer/Fanning movie
48 1990s arcade game with real players
50 Ready to swing
52 Snow, in Paris
53 Mounts, as a gem
54 Expecterated
55 Motley ____
56 Make the staff larger
57 Piper and Phoebe's sister, on "Charmed"
60 "Dude! No!"

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Aries (March 21 – April 19) *The much-housed, overheated, overdressed, and over-entertained life of most girls is artificial, and if one does not turn away from and leave it for a while, one also becomes greatly artificial* Take a break from dressing up and entertaining.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *To live for a while in the wild strengthens the muscles of your mind as well as of your body. Flabby thoughts and flabby muscles depart together and are replaced by enthusiasm and vigor of purpose, by strength of limb and chest and back. To have seems not so desirable as to be. Go outdoors and give your flabby thoughts a workout.*

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *For any journey, by rail or by boat, one has a general idea of the direction to be taken, the character of the land or water to be crossed, and of what one will find at the end. You may not know the details, but you can still make an educated guess.*

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *To follow an animal trail is to be led sometimes to water, often to a bog or swamp, at times to the animal's den, which in the case of a bear might not be exactly pleasant. Make sure you know whose footsteps you're following.*

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *It is best to start by swimming toward land instead of away from it. To know that you are not going beyond your depth but are gaining the shore is a great help in conquering fear. Wade out, swim back.*

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *Every one has the privilege of examining and enjoying the beauties of mosses, berries, and wild flowers, but do not take these treasures from their homes Love them well enough to let them stay where they are for others also to enjoy, unless you need specimens for some important special study. It's not all just for you.*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *Get your bear-*

ings before leaving camp. ... The morning you leave camp, ascertain the direction of the wind and notice particularly the sun and shadows. You don't need a compass, just your own perceptivity.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *Because your companions can make or mar the happiness in camp, it is safer to have in your party only those girls who will take kindly to the camp spirit of friendly helpfulness, those always ready to laugh and treat discomforts as jokes. To the extent you have a choice, choose your team carefully.*

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *I first heard the wild cry of the loon, a lonesome and eerie sound, on Pine River Pond, a small lake in the foot-hills of the White Mountains. ... It is always a matter for guessing when the loon dives, for you can never tell where she will come up. Don't bother guessing at what can't be guessed.*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *Unless you are skilled in tossing flapjacks, don't risk wasting the cake by having it fall on the ground or in the fire, but confine your efforts to the small, knife-turned cakes. Serve them "piping hot," and if there are no plates, each camper can deftly and quickly roll her flapjack into cylinder form of many layers and daintily and comfortably eat it while holding the roll between forefinger and thumb. Use real maple syrup, but only if you have plates. And forks.*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *Brown or dark gray are the best colors for the forest; avoid wearing those which frighten the timid wild life, for you want to make friends with the birds and animals, so do not wear metal buttons, buckles, or anything that shines or sparkles. If an angry bird attacks your studded belt, don't say we didn't warn you.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *On the shore you will also find the fish-hawk, or osprey; a well-mannered bird he is said to be, who fishes diligently and attends strictly to his own business. Mind your own fishiness.*

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Even dangerous felons sometimes serve short sentences, but Benito Vasquez-Hernandez, 58, guilty of nothing has been locked up for nearly 900 days (as of early March) as a “material witness” in a Washington County, Oregon, murder case. The prosecutor is convinced that Vasquez-Hernandez saw his own son, Eloy, murder a woman in 2012, and the case is on hold until the victim’s body is found. The judge has given Vasquez-Hernandez two opportunities to leave, both impractical (pay a \$500,000 bond or give a video deposition, but he speaks no English, is illiterate in Spanish and, said his lawyer, might be mentally incompetent). (Consolation: Material witnesses in Oregon earn \$7.50 a day.)

The continuing crisis

• The trendy St. Pauli neighborhood in historic Hamburg, Germany, suffers its share of uncouth revelers who wander out from nightclubs seeking restroom facilities but too often choose walls of storefronts and private homes, reported London’s The Guardian in a March dispatch. The solution, according to the civic group IG St. Pauli: paint jobs with an “intensely hydrophobic” product known as Ultra-Ever Dry,” which somewhat propels liquid aimed at it right back toward the source by creating an air barrier on the surface. In other words, said an IG St. Pauli official, it’s “pee back” time, and shoes and trouser legs should expect splashes.

• We have “139 frogs, toads, lizards, turtles,” Ms. Thayer Cuter told Seattle’s MyNorthwest.com in March, touting her Edmonds, Washington, amphibian rescue shop, especially the heroic job done recently on Rocky, the Texas toad who came with stones in his tummy. “He had to have a lot of enemas (but) Rocky is rock-free now” and, after passing all the pebbles, is finally able to eat. Added Cuter, turtles are underrated pets, “very social” and love massages and “cuddl(ing).”

• The Job of the Researcher: Cockroaches can be bold explorers or shy and withdrawn, according to recent work by researchers at Belgium’s Universite Libre de Bruxelles, who caught a bunch of them, affixed radio tags and studied their movements. “Explorers” are necessary for locating food sources, although, obviously, they are also most likely to find Roach Motels; “shy, cautious” roaches are necessary for survival and group stability, and a mixture of the types ensures cockroaches’ legendary survivability. A Mother Nature News commentator wrote, hopefully, that understanding roaches’ personalities might make us “less quick” to “grab a shoe.”

Can’t possibly be true

Ranson IB Middle School in Charlotte, North Carolina, has a strict dress code (requiring, for example, only “hunter green” outerwear). Thus, on Jan. 27, when parent Chanda Spates dispatched her three kids in improperly hued coats, Ranson officials confiscated the “contraband” clothing, leaving the three (along with 20 other sartorial miscreants) to make their way home after classes with no outerwear at all, though the temperature that afternoon was in the 30s. (Following parental outrage, the administrators apologized.)

Compelling explanations

Clueless in Florida’s Panhandle: (1) Debra Mason, 58, was arrested for theft of a pickup truck in Destin, Florida, in January and according to police, Mason said she knew it was stolen property but “didn’t think it was ‘that’ stolen.” (2) Ten miles away in Mary Esther, Florida, in February, Robert Pursley, 54, was arrested for DUI and was asked about items in his truck. According to the police report, Pursley insisted that everything was his “except for anything illegal.” A baggie of cocaine was in the truck’s center console.

U-S-A! U-S-A!

• Americans Abroad: (1) American sisters Lindsey, 22, and Leslie Adams, 20, were convicted, fined and deported by Cambodia’s Siem Reap Court in February after taking several nude photos of each other at the Preah Khan temple, apparently for their social media “friends.” The Angkor Archaeological Park, where the temple is located, is reportedly the world’s largest

religious monument. (2) Two other American women were arrested in March for carving 8-inch initials into a wall at Rome’s ancient Colosseum and then snapping selfies for their friends.

• Recurring Theme: Among the most recent lives ruined by badly botched prosecutions: (1) Joseph Sledge, now 70, was released from prison in North Carolina in January after wrongly serving 36 years for a double murder; hair samples (revealing another man’s DNA), long thought to be lost, were discovered in a court clerk’s storage room. (2) Kirk Odom, 52, served 22 years after his wrongful Washington, D.C., conviction for rape and robbery; a court in February awarded him \$9.2 million in compensation, but on the other hand, after several prison rapes, he had contracted HIV. (Odom is one of several D.C. men convicted of rape or murder based on erroneous analysis by an “elite” FBI hair-analysis unit.)

Least competent criminals

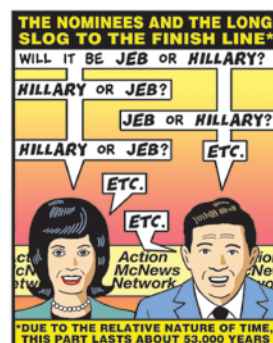
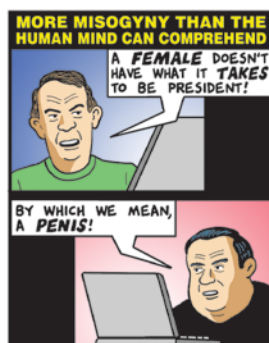
• Tyler Lankford, 21, attempting a robbery of Minerva’s Bakery in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, in January, committed (according to police) the rookie mistake of laying his gun on the counter so he could pick up the money with both hands. The clerk grabbed the gun, and Lankford fled but was arrested in March.

• There are expert counterfeiters, and then there is Cass Alder, 22, convicted by a court in Canada’s Prince Edward Island of trying to pass \$100 bills that had been printed on napkins but affixed by Alder onto thicker paper.

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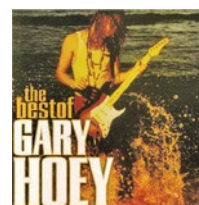
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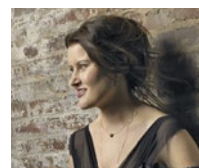
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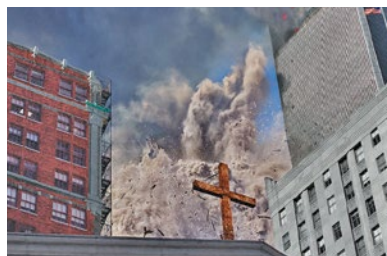
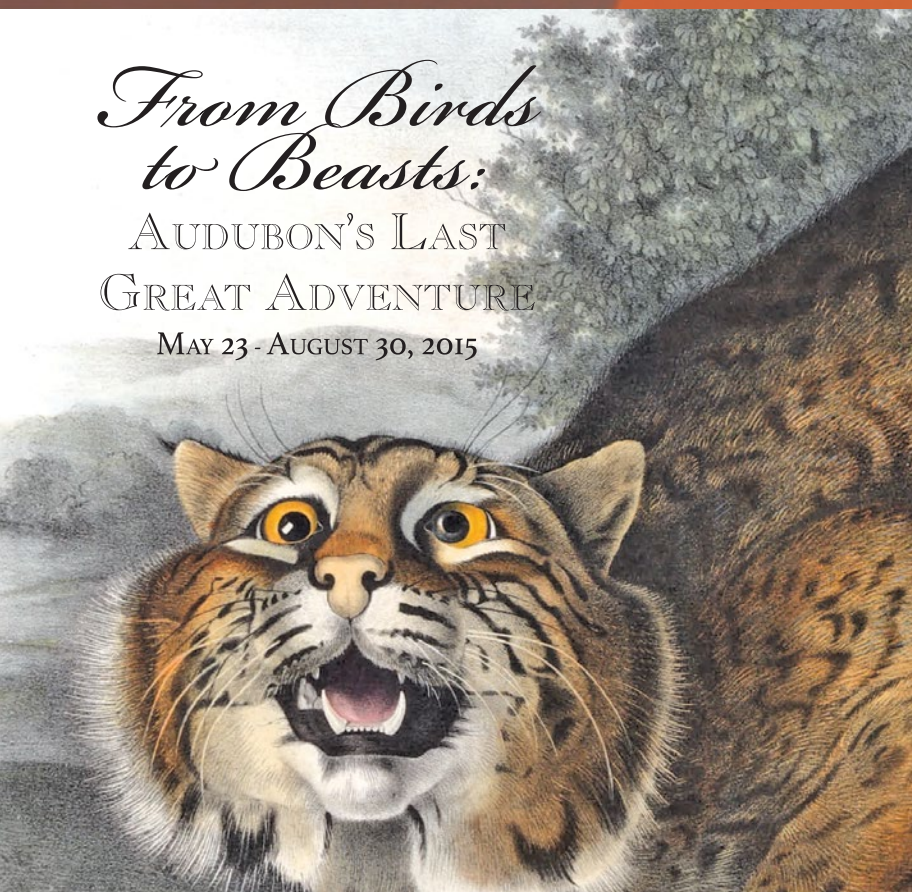


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